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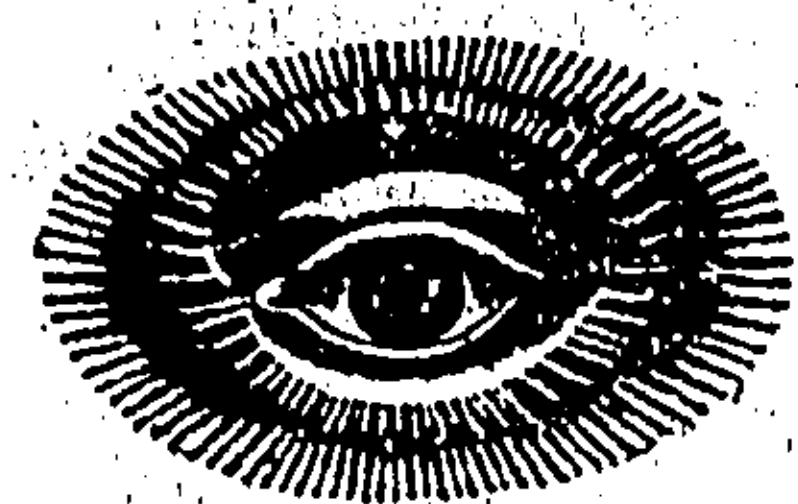
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MARSHAL LI HERE.

CROWDS GREET TO-DAY'S ARRIVAL.

POLICE PRECAUTIONS.

Ceremony Marks Queen's Pier Landing.

DISTINGUISHED GATHERING HONOURS CANTON GUEST.

Great interest was evinced in the arrival in Hong Kong this morning of the Canton Commander-in-Chief, Marshal Li Chai-sum, Madame Li Chai-sum and party of Chinese officials from Canton.

There were dense crowds in the neighbourhood of Queen's Pier and the utmost precautions were taken by the Police both there and along the route from the pier to Government House to ensure that no untoward event should mar the landing.

Marshal Li, who had on morning attire, was introduced to the officials and leading residents lined up on the pier and inspected the Guard of Honour of the K.O.S.B.'s. Others of the Canton party who landed wore military and naval uniforms.

WELCOMING SALUTES.

The Nationalist gunboat "Fei-ying," which brought the Canton party, arrived sooner than expected and went to buoy about 9.30 a.m. in the man-of-war anchorage, firing a salute of twenty-one guns in greeting on the occasion



Marshal Li Chai-sum, Hong Kong's guest of honour.

of her first visit. This was replied by the Battery and Marshal Li's flag was also saluted on behalf of H.M. Navy.

In the meantime, preparations were afoot for the official landing, a Guard of Honour of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Battalion under Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn marching to the Pier headed by the full Band of the Battalion.

H.E. the Governor, accompanied by Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, A.D.C., arrived shortly after 10 a.m. and joined the Government officials and leading residents gathered on the pier.

Landing From "Victoria." At 10.15 a.m., the "Victoria," which had been accompanied from the "Fei-ying" by a Police launch, arrived alongside the pier, Marshal Li's arrival ashore being the signal of another salute from the Battery.

Marshal Li was welcomed by H.E. the Governor and Capt. Dowbiggin conducted Madame Li Chai-sum and Mrs. Li Man-yan, wife of Marshal Li's confidential secretary, to the pier entrance where they proceeded by motor to Government House.

Marshal Li, together with General Chan Hing-wan (Commander of the Macao Fort) and Capt. A. J. L. Whyte (A.D.C. to the Governor) then proceeded down the specially prepared pathway leading from the pier-head to the entrance along which were lined officials and leading residents of Hong Kong. Marshal Li was introduced to each individually by H.E. the Governor.

Arriving at the entrance to the pier, Marshal Li was received with the General Salute and, accompanied by His Excellency, inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Canton Officials. Marshal Li, His Excellency and Capt. Whyte left by car for Government House, followed by other members of the visiting

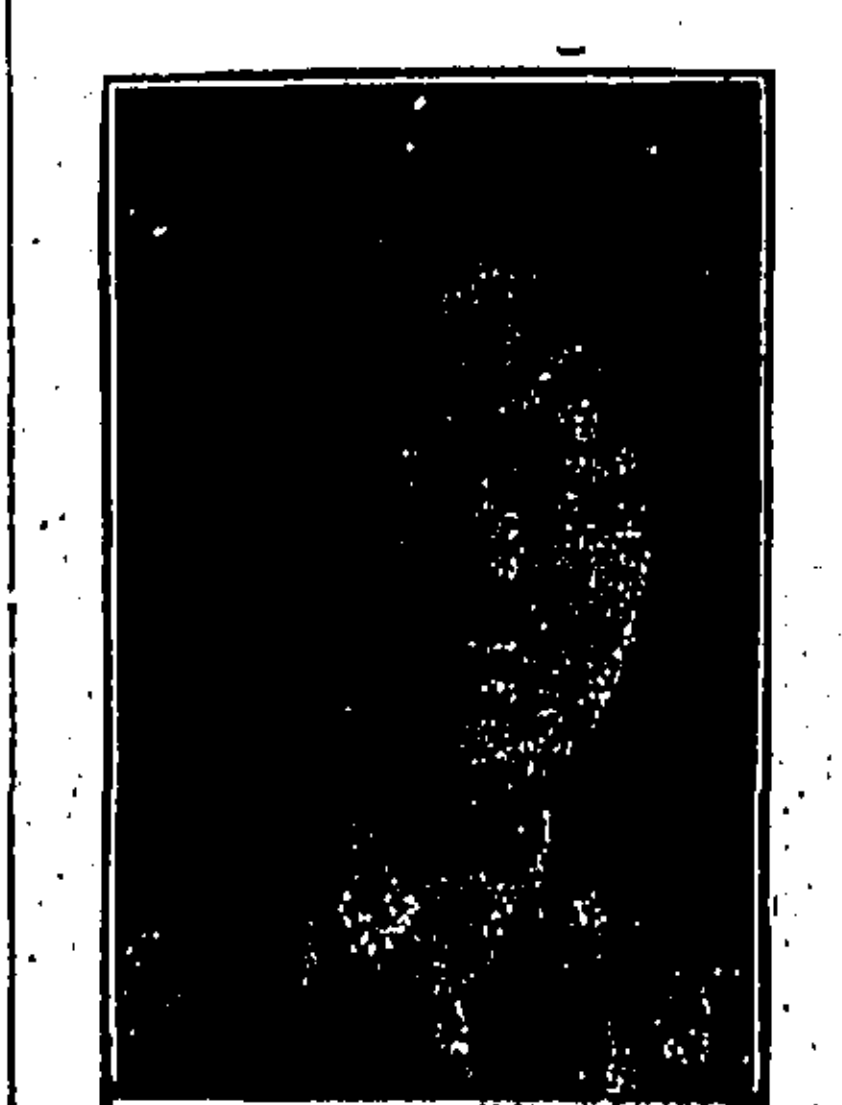
party from Canton. General Chan Hing-wan, together with Mr. Chu Chao-sin, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Luk Yan-ko, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, left in the next car and Admiral Chan Chak, Commander of the Canton Navy, Mr. Cheung Wai-cheong, head of the Canton Air Bureau, and General Chui King-tong, Commander of the 13th Division, also left by car together.

Major-General C. C. Luard, together with Colonel C. Russell Brown and Commodore J. L. Pearson took the salute as the Guard of Honour marched past.

Others present at the landing ceremony included:—Capt. Palmer, of H.M.S. "Argus" (representing Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, who is in Shanghai), Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Hon. Sir Shou-shun Chow, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Group Capt. G. D. M. Robertson, R.A.F., Pay Comdr. H. Rogers, Lt. R. Q. F. Johnston (A.D.C. to the General), Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. D. W. Tratman, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. W. J. Carrie, Mr. E. L. Agassiz, Mr. H. Green, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Mr. G. R. Sayer, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Mr. J. W. Franks, Mr. Li Yau-tsun (chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce) and Mr. Leung Kwai-tien.

The Landing Filmed. Representatives of the Paramount Film Co. were busily engaged in filming the scenes of the arrival, following Marshal Li on his passage down the Pier and at his inspection of the Guard of Honour.

The Governor's car was followed by the Flying Squad and also on duty, in addition to the regular Police, were the Police Reserve and Sharpshooters' Company.



Mr. Chu Chao-sin, Canton's Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, also a distinguished visitor to Hong Kong.

Official Programme. Marshal Li and party are staying in the Colony until Sunday. The official programme during their visit included a tiffin held at Government House to-day attended by members of the Legislative Council and leading members of the

CENTRE OF LONDON.

Great New Motor-Coach Station.

LIKE RAILWAY TERMINUS.

Hope To Take Traffic From Railways.

London, Yesterday. An interesting development in the growing rivalry between motor road transport and railways is contained in a statement that plans have been drawn up for building a great motor-coach station in the centre of London. This station is to have arrival and departure platforms for about eighty coaches running express services to all parts of the country in competition with railways. The financial correspondent of the "Evening Standard," who makes the announcement, says that a site has been purchased near Russell Square.

Hopes For The Future. It is anticipated the station will occupy the same position in motor transport services as does one of the great termini in railway services. It is not stated whether any individual company is responsible for the scheme but it is intimated that by co-ordination and building of large central stations, motor-coach services as a body hope to consolidate their position before the railways receive new powers for road transport from Parliament and to build up an organisation so complete and efficient that they will be able to take still further traffic from the railway companies. — British Wireless Service.

SIR J. SALMOND.

TO ADVISE AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

COMMONWEALTH REQUEST.

London, Yesterday. The Air Ministry announces that in response to a request by the Australian Government for the loan of the services of a senior officer in the Royal Air Force to advise regarding air defence, the organisation of training and equipment in the Australian Air Force, arrangements had been made for Air Marshal Sir John Salmond to visit Australia this summer and stay three months. — Reuter.

Sir John is Air Officer Commander-in-Chief of Great Britain. A British wireless message adds that he is expected to arrive in Australia in June.

STATUS RAISED.

SOUTH AFRICA'S TRADE COMMISSIONERS.

NEW CHARGES D'AFFAIRES.

Cape Town, Yesterday. It is officially announced that the South African Trade Commissioners in Europe and America will be raised to the status of Charges d'Affaires in order to facilitate their interviewing heads of departments. — Reuter.

REBELS KILLED.

FOUR HOURS' BATTLE CASUALTIES.

Mexico City, Yesterday. A message from Guadalajara says that 74 rebels were killed in a four-hours' battle with the Federal troops near Sayate, Jalisco. The Federal losses were four dead and six wounded. — R.A.S.

the Chinese community. This afternoon Marshal Li, H.E. the Governor and H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard are to motor round the island together and to-night a dinner is to be given at Government House in honour of the Canton party to which the heads of business firms and members of the Chinese community have been invited.

Other arrangements include a conference at Government House to-morrow morning when Hong Kong and Canton matters will be discussed, also the entertainment of the visitors by the Chinese Merchants' Club and other hosts.

Marshal Li leaves from Queen's

HEENEY WINS.

Heavyweight Bout In New York.

DELANEY ELIMINATED.

New Zealander May Meet Tunney In June.

New York, Yesterday. The New Zealander, Tom Heenev, weighed for to-night's 15-round heavyweight contest, at 198 lbs. his opponent, Jack Delaney, weighing 178½ lbs. If a knockout is delivered the winner will meet Tunney for the title in June.

Later. Heenev won—Reuter's American Service.

U. S. NAVY.

WILBUR APPROPRIATION REDUCED.

FIVE CAPITAL SHIPS.

Washington, Yesterday. Representatives of the Naval Committee have reduced the de-



Mr. Curtis D. Wilbur, the U.S. Secretary for the Navy.

mand of Mr. Wilbur, for an appropriation of G\$34,970,000 for the renovation of five capital ships, to G\$14,800,000. — Reuter's American Service.

INCREASED RANGE.

Proposed U.S. Naval Changes.

Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Britten, a Republican member of the Naval Committee, has announced that the committee has decided that a part of the reduced appropriation will be applied towards increasing the range of the main armament of the battleships "Pennsylvania" and "Arizona" by 10,000 yards. These ships have 12 14-inch guns with a maximum range at 15 degrees elevation.

CLOUDY AND MISTY.

S.W. or variable winds, light, fair, cloudy with fog or mist, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

Gradients are slight throughout the area. A shallow depression appears to be central to the south of Korea.

ation reported to be 21,000 yards. The 16-inch guns in the latest United States battleships have an elevation of 30 degrees with an extreme range of 33,800 yards.

Mr. Britten pointed out that the change would prevent these two ships being outgunned by those of any other Power and also make the extreme range of the main armament of all United States battleships approximately equal. — Reuter's American Service.

SAMOAN AGITATORS.

"ILLEGAL POLICE" IN GAOL.

Wellington, Yesterday. Four hundred members of the Samoan illegal Mau police force have been sentenced at Apia to six months' imprisonment on a charge of intimidating other natives. — Reuter.

ORIENTAL DANGER.

Immigration Into British Columbia.

ASSEMBLY DEBATE.

Attorney General Emphasizes Seriousness Of Intermixture.

Victoria, Yesterday. The British Columbia Legislative Assembly, in the course of a discussion on a resolution urging the abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese treaty so far as it is related to Provincial Government's right to enact anti-Oriental legislation and requesting the Federal Government not to grant any further naturalisation facilities to Orientals, Mr. Manson, Provincial Attorney-General, suggested that all members of the Assembly should unite in preparing a resolution pointing out to the Federal Government the seriousness of the Oriental immigration question. He said the greatest danger was threatening and it was disastrous to intermix the races through inter-marrying. The situation must be met promptly. — Reuter.

R.A.F. CAMPAIGN.

800 AKHWAN RAIDERS KILLED.

DESERT DIFFICULTIES.

Basra, Yesterday. It is estimated that during the past fortnight, the Royal Air Force killed at least eight hundred Akhwan raiders by bombs and rifle-fire. The R.A.F. is carrying out a daily campaign in the desert but the difficulties of detecting raiders are enormous owing to mirages and sandstorms. — Reuter.

CLERK CHARGED.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE.

VOUCHERS AND BILLS.

Pau Tat-shing, alias Pau Ng-ching, a clerk in the service of the Director of Education, was this morning charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy, that he on or about January 31, did with intent to defraud, obtain from the Director of Education the sum of \$135 by falsely purporting that certain vouchers and bills were true.

There were five additional charges of a similar nature in which various smaller sums of money were involved. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen., appeared for the defence and informing the Magistrate that he had only just been retained, asked for a remand and applied to be supplied with copies of the charges.

The Magistrate granted the application and gave a week's formal remand.

"FRANCONIA'S" VISIT

LEAVES FOR THE NORTH TO-DAY.

TOURISTS' SHORT STAY.

The stay in Hong Kong of the "Franconia" tourists, who arrived yesterday afternoon is to be a brief one as the Cunarder will leave at 3.30 p.m. to-day in order to allow of taking advantage of tides in Shanghai.

The "Franconia" lay off Cap Rock from 2.30 a.m. until 6.30 a.m. when an attempt was made to enter the harbour. Owing to the dense fog, it was not until well in the forenoon that Lyemum Pass was navigated and the liner was picked up by a Kowloon Dock tug.

Fleets of motor cars have been requisitioned both on the island and mainland and those who were taken round the island and the Peak yesterday will this morning visit the New Territories.

SIR MILES LAMPSON.

Early this afternoon, Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to Peking, left Queen's Pier for the s.s. "Franconia" by which he is returning to the North after his visit to Hong Kong, Canton and Macao.

A Guard of Honour was in attendance at the pier and salutes were fired as the s.s. "Franconia" departed.

NORTHERN WAR.

PEKING ORDERS TO START.

SHANSI FRONT ATTACK.

Seeking Revenue Through Unpopular Luxury Tax.

RUMOURS OF OUTBREAK AMONG GENERAL FENG'S MEN.

Orders have been given by the Peking Government for a determined assault on the Nationalist allied lines in the north of Shansi province and it is expected that hostilities have been resumed on an extensive scale on this front.

That the Peking Government seems intent on keeping itself in power is evident from the renewal of the offensive, and from the imposition of an unpopular luxury tax with which to find new revenue. Incidentally, arrears on two loan services are to be met.

In another Nationalist camp, to the south of Shansi province, subordinates of the "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang, are still rumoured to have caused trouble by refusing to obey orders.

LOAN SERVICES.

One of the Peking Generals who is stated to have taken the field in person is reported as having struck a flank blow at the Shansi defences near Yenmen Pass, a strategic point leading to Shansi's capital.

The trouble in the "Christian General's" camp is stated by the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" to be at Sinsiang, in the north of Honan province, on the road from the Nationalist camp to Peking.

LUXURY TAX.

Chinese Protest Strongly At Peking.

Peking, Yesterday. Despite protests by the Legations, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and business men, the Peking Government has imposed a 5 per cent. luxury tax as from to-day. The tax will be levied by means of stamps upon sales. Chinese are still protesting with great vigour and are attempting to obtain withdrawal of the tax which is very unpopular though the rate is much lower and the number of articles taxed is much less than originally proposed. — Reuter.

1908 LOAN.

Peking Government Meets Default.

Peking, Yesterday. As regards the default on the Anglo-French Loan of 1908 for which insufficient funds were provided for the amortisation due last September, the Peking Government paid the balance of the amount to the Bank to-day. — Reuter.

\$20,00 PAID.

Shanghai-Nanking Railway Loan.

Peking, Yesterday. A sum of \$20,000 has already been paid towards the interest on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway Loan due on Dec. 1. A further \$20,000 is expected this month and it is expected that shareholders will receive the half-yearly interest less than six months in arrears. — Reuter.

CUSTOMS AUTONOMY.

Mr. Li Shih-yih's Views Defined.

Quoted by Chinese sources, Mr. Liang Shih-yi, the new Director of the Revenue Council at Peking, is reported to have said that he will negotiate with representatives of foreign Powers on the subject of Tariff revision and that he hopes tariff autonomy will be in force by Jan. 1, 1929.

From Canton comes a vernacular report that the Provincial Government has ordered Major-General Chan Cheung-po, vice-commander of the 13th division, who is in control at Kongmoon and the Sze Yap districts, to "refrain from diverting" revenue collected in his area.

IN YUNNAN.

Pro-Nationalist General's Campaign.

Yunnanfu, Feb. 21. It is expected that the troops of the Yunnan provincial government, under General Lung Yen, after their victory over the rebels at Kutsing, will have come up now with the rival element in the west of the province, the latter being under General Tang, a clansman of the late governor, Tang Chi-yao.

After this campaign General Lung Yen (who is believed to be favourably disposed toward the Nationalists) is likely to turn his attention toward the bandit problem.

With communications free there should be a great revival in trade with the outside world. All is peaceful in the city. The campaign against Communists is still being pursued vigorously and five more have been shot. Our own

HOME FLOODS.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST REPETITION.

SYSTEM OF WARNINGS.

London, Yesterday. A comprehensive scheme to guard against the possibility of a repetition of the January flood disaster in the riverside districts of London has been approved by a conference of the public authorities interested.

The scheme imposes upon the London County Council the duty of supervising the flood defence works within the County of London and institutes an effective system of warnings and of keeping watch when high tides are imminent. — British Wireless Service.

DUTCH ABROAD.

TAXES AFTER DEATH ON ESTATES?

CHAMBER'S REJECTION.

The Hague, Yesterday. The Second Chamber has rejected by 50 votes to 33 the first article of a Bill to tax Dutch nationals domiciled abroad on their estates after death and gifts by them. The Finance Minister asked for an adjournment of the debate. — Reuter.

CHEAPER CALLS.

ATLANTIC TELEPHONE SERVICE.

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E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent. Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

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By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. Hong Kong, Feb. 29, 1928.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, going Home on leave, begs to inform that Mr. LESDOS has been appointed Local Agent of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes with effect from the 25th instant. (Sgd.) J. LIMAGE, Agent.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANDREW HARPER & SON have ceased to be the authorised dealers of this Company for Hong Kong and South China as from the 26th day of January, 1928. FORD MOTOR COMPANY. Hong Kong 25th February, 1928.

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NOTICES.

DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.

MR. L. GIBBS will retire from this firm on 31st March, 1928, and will have no responsibility for any work done by the firm after that date. The business will be carried on under the name of DENISON, RAM & GIBBS by Mr. E. F. R. Sample. Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1928.

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By Order, J. R. L. STANTON, Hon. Sec. Sailing Committee. Hong Kong, March 1, 1928.

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THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1928, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1927, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 27th February, 1928, at the Offices of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager. Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1928.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. O. Building, on FRIDAY, 16th March, 1928, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd March, 1928 to 16th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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COURT INQUIRY.

ATTEMPTED SHOOTING OF DR. C. C. WU.

CHINESE COMMITTED.

Singapore, Feb. 22.

The preliminary enquiry into the case against Cheng Yak-kow, the Chinese who was arrested in connection with the shooting of Dr. Lim Boon-keng in Hill Street on February 8, was held before the Third Magistrate (Mr. Dakers) yesterday. Police armed with rifles guarded the entrances to the Court.

The first witness was Dr. Lim Boon-keng, who said that he was the president of Amoy University. He arrived in Singapore from Amoy on January 18 this year for a holiday. On February 8, he attended a reception at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in honour of the Chinese official delegates passing through Singapore.

Dr. C. C. Wu was the principal guest and he was the first to rise from the table, shortly after 5 p.m. Dr. Wu went out of the door preceded by Mr. Lim Nee-soon and followed by the witness. When they got two or three steps from the door leading into the road, witness heard a noise like the sound of a Chinese cracker. He turned towards the sound, and felt something hitting him in the face, and then someone rushed past him, but he could not say what nationality that person was.

He seemed to be dressed in some brown or yellowish colour, but he could not say for certain, as the disturbance of his vision due to being hit might have made grey or brown appear yellowish to him. He then saw somebody running round the car into the middle of the road but could not say whether this was the same person or not. He heard another shot and almost immediately, about a foot away, he saw a flame shooting up from the ground, but did not hear the noise of an explosion.

He then rushed in the door of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Previously, he had seen Dr. Wu running across the street, but he did not see Mr. Lim Nee-soon. Some of the witness's friends got hold of him and put him into a motor-car. A Pathan constable got in the front and they went to the General Hospital, where he was attended. He found that the bullet had grazed his nose and entered his right cheek, lodging under the skin in front of the right ear. Dr. Smith extracted the bullet and gave it to the witness, who later handed it over to Inspector Kemp. As far as he was aware, he had no enemies in Singapore at all. He had never seen the accused before.

Medical Evidence. Dr. C. F. Smith, the senior surgeon at the General Hospital, said that on February 8, he performed a small operation on Dr. Lim Boon-keng and extracted a bullet from his right cheek. Dr. Lim Boon-keng was discharged from the hospital on February 13.

Mr. Lim Nee-soon, who, owing to his injured foot, had to sit in the witness-box, said he was the ex-President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. He went to the reception on February 8 about 3.15 p.m. with Dr. Wu. Dr. Wu went there to make a speech on the Chinese Nationalist flag. The reception finished about 5.45 and he came out with Dr. Wu. When they got to the door leading on to the road, the jaga was about to open the door of a car which did not belong to the witness. When Dr. Wu was getting inside, witness told him to walk to the third car, which was his. While they were walking the two or three steps witness heard two or three shots, like crackers. He tried to turn round to see what had happened but Dr. Wu collided with him, and witness fell down and sprained his foot. He got up and held on to one of the pillars. He saw Dr. Wu in the middle of the road and a man about thirty feet away holding a revolver and shooting at him. Witness could not tell his nationality, whether he was Malay, Tamil, Chinese or European. He could not recognise him again. The man was not dressed in white but he did not know what colour he was dressed in. Witness heard a noise like a burning fuse, and saw smoke close by, so he lay flat on the ground. He heard an explosion, but not a loud one, and saw smoke, and then the jaga came and pulled him inside the Chamber of Commerce.

About ten minutes later he saw the Chinese consul taking Dr. Lim Boon-keng outside the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Lim Boon-keng was bleeding about the face. Witness told someone to telephone the police, and they arrived about 6.45. Some of his friends then put him into a car and witness went home. He did not know the accused and had never seen him before.

The Accused's Arrest. Mohamed Sharif bin Shaik, a motor-driver, said that about

5.30 p.m. on February 8 he was on the road near a motor-car which was standing near the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Hill Street. He saw a group of Chinese coming out of the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Lim Nee-soon was one of them, and one of the others had a beard. Three Chinese were following behind and suddenly he saw one of them, the accused, shooting at the old man several times while the old man was trying to ward him off with his stick. After the shooting, witness saw the accused holding something that looked like a flask in his left hand. He saw him spilling some of the contents on the road, and he then dashed the flask on the ground and ran away. He went from the Chamber of Commerce into Loke Yew Street, and witness followed him. The accused ran into Armenian Street and then into Fort Canning Road, and the witness followed him, calling for help. He ran into a compound and the witness, with the assistance of other Malays, arrested him and tied him up. Witness searched the place where the accused had hidden and found a matchbox containing three rounds of pistol ammunition. He took the accused down Armenian Street and handed him over to a P.C. who was coming up the slope with Inspector Kemp.

Questioned by Court Inspector Meredith who conducted the case, the witness said that during the pursuit he lost sight of the accused twice. The accused pointed a pistol at him in Loke Yew Street, and witness hid behind an ice cart. At the junction of Loke Yew Street and Armenian Street the accused stopped again, and witness hid behind a ricksha. Witness was positive that the accused was the man whom he had seen firing the revolver at Dr. Lim Boon-keng. At the time he was quite close to him. He did not think he could recognise the other men.

The magistrate complimented the witness on his behaviour. Saw The Shooting. Baboh bin Wahid, 95, Hindo Road, an employee of the Municipal Electric Department in Hill Street said he was on his way home when he saw the accused being pursued by the last witness who was shouting for help. Witness joined in the chase and helped the previous witness to arrest the accused. He saw the last witness find the matchbox containing the ammunition.

Milkha Singh, the Chamber of Commerce watchman, said he saw the shooting and the bombs being thrown, but did not chase the accused as he was looking after the wounded.

Cheong Ah-boon, a Chinese woman employed as a sweeper by the Lithograph Company, whose premises extend along one side of Loke Yew Street, gave evidence of finding the revolver when she was sweeping the compound next morning. She informed her towkay, who called a policeman who took the revolver.

P.C. 1040 said he was called and found the revolver on the edge of the grass near the Armenian Street wall, which was a wall of ordinary height over which a thing could be thrown. He gave the revolver to Inspector Kemp.

Nitric Acid Bombs. Inspector Kemp said that when the accused was handed over to him he searched him and found three rounds of Kynoch 32 S & W revolver ammunition in his pocket. These were the same as the ones in the matchbox, and of the same calibre as the revolver which was found. The bombs which he found on the scene of the shooting were inspected by the Government analyst, and found to contain, amongst other things, nitric acid.

Mr. Meredith said this concluded the case for the prosecution. Mr. Dakers: What is amusing that man there (the accused). Mr. Meredith: He has been like that all day.

Mr. Dakers: He seems to be very proud of himself. The accused was committed for trial at the next Assizes on a charge of attempting to murder and causing grievous hurt to Dr. Lim Boon-keng.

Outburst in Cantonese. Asked if he wished to say anything, the accused said he never intended to hit Dr. Lim Boon-keng. His sole object was to shoot Dr. Wu and his colleagues, who had killed many people in China.

The accused then started to make a speech in Cantonese, but the magistrate who understands the language, cut him short and said he did not want to hear his political opinions but wanted to hear what he had to say about the case.

The accused then said he had nothing further to say.

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The Chinese National Seamen's Union has demanded that the Nationalist Government seek redress from the Japanese steamship company whose vessel, the "Atsuta Maru II," sank a Chinese steamer.

Chinese press.

CHINESE CUSTOM.

WOMAN WITH NO NAME.

MAN COMMITTED.

An unusual case was concluded before the Chief Justice (Sir William Murlson), in the Supreme Court, Singapore.

Ho Tuck-cheong, a Hailam bankrupt, when undergoing his public examination recently, was asked if he had a wife in China, and replied in the affirmative, but in spite of repeated questions, persisted in asserting that he did not know her name and was committed for a week for contempt of Court.

Mr. Osborne Jones, who appeared for the bankrupt, read an extract from a work by Mr. J. Dyer Ball, (a Government officer in Hong Kong) which showed that it was the custom for Chinese women not to divulge their names, and stating that when married they were often known by their maiden surnames in conjunction with their husband's name.

Mr. Cocker said he could produce evidence by the Protector of Chinese which would show that Hailam women had come to Singapore in the past and given their names to the Protector of Chinese.

Mr. Osborne Jones said it was equally possible that a Chinese man might not know the name of his wife.

Mr. Cocker said if the lady were applying for a grant of probate or letters of administration they would have many names, but when it came to a question of getting anything out of her, this so-called custom was dragged up.

The Chief Justice said that was what always happened. If the bankrupt would tell the Court his wife's maiden name and the name of the village in which she lived, he could be released.

The bankrupt said his wife's maiden name was Lim and, after he had given an undertaking to ask for the other information for the Official Assignee, his release was ordered.

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Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
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3	6.43	6.28
4	6.42	6.28
5	6.41	6.28
6	6.40	6.29
7	6.39	6.29
8	6.39	6.30
9	6.38	6.30
10	6.37	6.31
11	6.36	6.31
12	6.35	6.32
13	6.34	6.32
14	6.34	6.32
15	6.33	6.33
16	6.32	6.33
17	6.31	6.33
18	6.30	6.33
19	6.29	6.34
20	6.27	6.34
21	6.27	6.35
22	6.26	6.36
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MARRIAGE.

GRAYBURN—ROBSON.—On 1st
March at the Peak Church by
the Very Revd. Alfred Swann,
D.S.C., M.A.,—V. M. Grayburn
third son of the late W. E.
Grayburn & Mrs. Grayburn of
Sandwich, Yorkshire, to Minnie
Doris, eldest daughter of Mr.
H. P. Robson (Woods &
Forests, retired) and the late
Mrs. Robson.

Hong Kong, Friday, March 2, 1928.

MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM.

Marshal Li Chai-sum is not
likely to be remembered by future
generations as a genius. But his
name will be respected, in South
China at least, as that of a capable
administrator. Shrewdness has
been his strong point so far.
Other heads of the Provincial
Government at Canton have been
shrewd but have failed. If only
for what he has accomplished up
to now, Marshal Li Chai-sum will
be deemed a success. As a Chinese
man of affairs and a National-
ist official, Marshal Li Chai-sum's
strong points have been abundant
foresight, a pronounced degree of
political generosity and the knack
of being able to please the
greatest number. Hong Kong
to-day honours as a distinguished
visitor, a leading member of the
Chinese Nationalist Party, and
the highest official of friendly,
neighbouring Government. And
when the character of our guest
is analysed, it will be found that
he richly deserves the respect
which Hong Kong accords him.
Hong Kong is indebted to Mar-
shal Li Chai-sum for restoring
normal conditions, for leading the
way in maintaining harmony, and
for removing obstacles to the
intercept and social intercourse.

Although he may have only
been acting under orders, Mar-
shal Li Chai-sum carried into
effect the cessation of the boycott
and strike against Hong Kong.
Unostentatiously he proceeded
step by step to curb the activities
of those who made it their busi-
ness to hinder international trade.
Pickets were forbidden to offi-
ciate; then labour unions were
dealt with; and finally a con-
scientious effort was made to
eradicate the antagonistic in-
fluence of Bolshevism. In the
anxiety of the last few years, it
may appear that Marshal Li Chai-
sum has been the head of the
Canton Government for some
considerable time. As a matter
of fact, he has been in charge for
less than two years. His regime
has been charged with serious
difficulties. Because his time and
ability have been engaged in
making up lost ground, he has yet
been unable to initiate an exten-
sive programme of reform and
progress; but he has weathered
more than one storm, he has
dealt with many a crisis—and he
has to his credit the turning of
the tide when an era of irrespon-
sibility had reached its climax.
When Generalissimo Chiang Kai-
shek left for the front in the sum-
mer of 1926, he left Marshal Li
Chai-sum in charge of Kwang-
tung. Those were indeed trou-
bling times. In addition to the
provincial administration, Mar-
shal Li had also to undertake the
duties of Chief of Staff, head of
"military activities in the rear,"
and as a member of the councils
of both the Nationalist Party and
the civil authority.

As a field officer in the Canton-
ese Army several years ago, Mar-
shal Li first won fame for his
staff work, in which he was trained
at the Paoing Academy near
Peking. A little surprise was oc-
casioned when he was made com-
mander of the Fourth of the first
five Army Corps of the National-
ist Army. When Generalissimo
Chiang Kai-shek set out on the
Northern Expedition, Marshal Li
contributed the two best of his
three divisions. Since China New
Year he has forbidden new pro-
paganda to be directed against
the Generalissimo. He still sup-
ports the Commander-in-Chief,
even if he is unable to help as
much as he did before, local pro-
blems having become more urgent
in the meantime. Marshal Li is
a native of Kwangsi province.
He has been accused of favourit-
ism towards fellow-provincials.
That is most unjust. We consider

him as the most efficient and
sincere of Republican administra-

tors at Canton—consistent in his
employment of brains and loyalty
in preference to partisanship.
When the Ironsides returned
from the Yangtze valley last
year, he conceded them nearly all
the highest posts in the Kwang-
tung Government. He did so be-
cause of his political generosity—
generosity which was not appre-
ciated. His foresight warned
him to take precautions—precau-
tions which enabled him to return
to office so quickly. A few days
ago, he pleased the greatest num-
ber by appointing General Chen
Ming-chu, a native of Kwangtung,
chairman of the Civil Govern-
ment. All his division comman-
ders are Cantonese. And he is
shrewd enough to continue look-
ing to the future, as witness his
desire for rapprochement with
other elements in the Nationalist
Party. Fault may be found with
him for adopting a policy of least
resistance but his policy has been
vindicated by the record he set up
in re-establishing his govern-
ment a month or so after the
Ironsides' coup last November.

ON CHINA.

EXHIBITION AT ST.
ANDREW'S

EXTENSIVE PLANS.

Arising out of a suggestion on
the part of one or two people, the
idea of a Chinese exposition of life
and customs and manufactures has
grown into something bigger and
fuller, an exhibition of "Things
Chinese" that will tend to give
residents in this Colony a better
appreciation, and a wider knowl-
edge of those among whom they
live.

The three days of the exhibition
are March 23, 29, and 30, and the
Church Hall and the grounds will
be utilised in their entirety for the
display of the various aspects of
Chinese life.

Preliminary meetings formulated
the scope of the exhibition, but it
was left to a general committee
meeting, held in St. Andrew's
Church Hall, to appoint sub-com-
mittees, and to set in motion the
machinery of this undertaking. At
the meeting a brief report was
read by Mr. F. Mow Fung, who
outlined all that had been done to
date.

A provisional committee had been
appointed by the Vicar, Rev. W.
Walton Rogers, as a result of their
deliberations a definite scheme was
drawn up, and the approval of St.
Andrew's vestry was obtained, and
this was followed by a circular
letter, outlining the plans.

An idea of preliminary arrange-
ments made, and work accomplish-
ed was then given.

It was decided to try and secure
on loan specimens of Chinese art
and antiquities, old porcelains,
pictures, carvings, Chinese inven-
tions, and typical Chinese curios.
Several had already been promised,
among which were a peculiar ink
slab, in a carved blackwood case,
used by the Emperor Kien Lung,
over 2,000 years old, a grain of
rice, carved with 28 Chinese charac-
ters, two tiny pieces of ivory, with
minute writing upon them, an old
Chinese compass and sundial.
These, and others that are to be
loaned will be displayed in the
Church Hall.

In addition, various demonstra-
tions are to be arranged, showing
methods of manufacture of wood
carving, ivory work, Chinese writ-
ing on scrolls, wax figures and other
items of peculiar interest to people
living in China. Chinese firms are
to be allowed to carry on their
trades within the grounds, in order
that one may see 'how it is made'
or 'how it works' and samples of
the work done will be on sale. It
is interesting to note that several
exhibitors at Wembley Exhibition
have promised to demonstrate.

The St. Andrew's Church have
decided to run a stall stocked with
goods obtained from Canton, which
will be sold at reasonable prices.

Entertainments.
It is proposed to utilise the
Church Hall for the purpose of
staging tableaux of Chinese cus-
toms, such as weddings, funerals,
Ching Ming, and others, each pre-
ceded by a short explanatory lec-
ture in English. Lectures on Chi-
nese art and music, and the pecu-
liarities of the language are also
to be given. The Hong Kong Uni-
versity students will present a Chi-
nese concert, and Rev. G. H. McNeur
is lecturing on "The Chinese Mind."

For the provision of refresh-
ments, two restaurants are to be
run, one giving Chinese food and
tea, and the other supplying teas
in English style. These will be
obtained in the upper rooms of the
Church Hall.

Messrs. Wo Hop, a firm which
demonstrated at Wembley, has
promised to erect the structures
that will be necessary to contain the
various sections, and the grounds
will be laid out by the same firm.
At this meeting the various sub-

"EFFRONTERY."

LIBEL ACTION AGAINST
NEWSPAPERS.

PLAINTIFF STAYS AWAY.

"To bring an action for libel in
circumstances like these is a piece
of effrontery the like of which is
without parallel," declared Mr.
Norman Birkett, K.C., in the
King's Bench Division, in asking
Mr. Justice Avory, for judgment
with costs in favour of the "Daily
Sketch" and "Sunday Herald,"
Ltd., in the action brought against
them by Frederick Tansley Mun-
nings, of St. Phillip's Road, Sur-
biton.

Mr. S. J. Duncan, for Mr.
Munnings, intimated that his
client would not be attending the
court. From August 1926 to De-
cember 1927 his solicitor could not
get in touch with him. He was in
hospital all the summer.

When instructions were obtain-
ed from him they suggested that
the defendants should apply to
have the action dismissed for want
of prosecution.

The Accusation.
Mr. Birkett said the position
was that the defendants said that
Munnings was a fraudulent
medium and were in a position to
expose him. Upon that he brought
his action for libel.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Dr. A.
Wallace, Mr. H. Saunders, and Mr.
H. Dennis Bradley signed a let-
ter in which they said:

"We know of cases where the
psychic result has been beyond
suspicion, and we know of others,
notably one recently, where he
(the plaintiff) has been exposed in
obvious fraud with the tools of
deception in his possession. Warn-
ing may prevent any such in-
cident in the future."

That letter was published in a
spiritist paper, and was part
of the libel complained of. The
real reason for the plaintiff's ab-
sence was that such a record of
justification as the defendants had
set out simply could not be faced.
On exposing the particulars of his
house breaking, theft and all the
rest of it the defendants had been
put to infinite trouble and ex-
pense in order to justify and
verify every fact.

It might be thought that they
had done some public service, as
well as a service to spiritualists
themselves, by exposing the
fraudulent practices of such a
medium.

In entering judgment for the
defendants with costs the judge
pointed out that no blame could be
attached to the plaintiff's solici-
tor, who appeared to have done
what was right and proper in the
matter.

committees to organise the differ-
ent departments were elected, from
the general committee:—His Excel-
lency Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.
has graciously accepted the position
of Patron, while the Right Rever-
end the Lord Bishop of Victoria has
kindly consented to serve as Presi-
dent of the General Committee.
Rev. W. Walton Rogers, and
Mr. F. C. Mow Fung were
appointed Vice-presidents, and
Mr. C. C. Mitchell, Mr. J. W.
Baldwin as Hon. Treasurers, with
Miss E. Couche and Miss R. Mow
Fung, Hon. Secretaries.

The Committee consists of the
following: The Vicar and Members
of the St. Andrew's Vestry, Mrs.
Duppuy, Mrs. W. W. Rogers, Miss
E. Atkins, Mrs. F. A. Britton, Dr.
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'PRAPS-PRAP NOT!

Bending The Oak.—What the
average woman wants is a strong,
inflexible man who can be wrapped
around her finger.

Every Year Is Leap Year Now.—
Next year is leap year—for those
of us who, crossing the street, do
not forget to look and leap this
year.

Location Infelicitous.—A col-
lection attorney received an account
accompanied by a request that he
"move heaven and earth to get
this scoundrel." He replied: "There
would be no use in moving either
locality in this instance. The
debtor died last week."

Unattired.—Retired.—A hotel
man tells this one: Gazing at the
young woman before him, the judge
inquired what the charge was.

The policeman answered, "Run-
ning across the street costumed
like 'September Morn' your
honour."

"Thirty days hath September,"
said the judge tersely.

Proof For Her!—Ethel—Is Tom
saving any money for a rainy day,
dear?

Clara—So he says; but I don't
believe him.

Ethel—Why?
Clara—Well, only yesterday we
were caught in a shower, and he
never even mentioned a taxicab
ride home!

He Didn't Dare.—Billy—Daddy,
a boy in my class said I looked like
you.

Daddy—And what did you say?
Billy—Nothin'. He's a lot big-
ger than me.

The Usual Result.—Hubby—my
wife explored my pockets last
evening.

Friend—What did she get?
Hubby—what all explorers get—
enough material for a lecture.

Ready.—Judge—Rastus, you are
up here for intoxication.

Rastus—Fine, Judge; bring on
the intoxication.

The Reason.—"Why don't you
and your mummy go to the church
that me and my mummy go to?"
Violet—Because we belong to a
different abomination.

Location.—"Willie, you mustn't
play on the front lawn. It's
Sunday. Go play in the back yard."
"Ain't there just as much Sunday
in the back yard?"

Cynic—What do you think of the
many arrests for kleptomania that
come before the courts?

Philosopher—Most of them are
entirely innocent of all intent to
do wrong, the trinkets being
mechanically dropped into pocket,
or satchel, while thinking of some-
thing else.

Cynic—All bosh! They are
thieves—born thieves; that's my
theory, no matter how rich or
refined they are.

Philosopher—Possibly. But be-
fore we part I will thank you for
my penknife, which you borrowed
a moment ago to sharpen a pencil.
While we were talking you drop-
ped it into your pocket.

Discreet.—Farmer — Don't you
see that sign. "Private—No Hunt-
ing Allowed?"

Hunter—I don't read anything
marked "private."

Right There!—Waiter—And how
do you find the beef, sir?

Customer—Oh, I moved a potato,
and there it was.

Lucky Girl!—He—Santa Claus
certainly was good to that girl.
How—How?
He—See what he put in her
stockings?

Against The Law.—"I'm going
to marry a pretty girl and a good
cook."

"You can't. That's bigamy."

Anyway He Sang.—Mother—
Surely you did something besides
eat at the Sunday School party?

Bobbie—Yes, mummy. After the
ice cream we sang a hymn called
"We can sing, full though we be."
Mother learned later that the
hymn selected had been, "Weak and
sinful though we be."

Little Daisy had been invited to
a Christmas party.

Just as they were beginning tea,
she bent over and whispered to her
mother, who sat next to her:—

"Mummy, I thought you said
this was to be a party."
"So it is, darling," mummy
whispered back. "Why?"

"Well, the lady's given me some
bread and butter," was the re-
proachful reply.

"I've heard there's folks in these
large apartments that buy butter
by the quarter pound."

Have company.

DIAMOND FIND.

LYING ON THE GROUND IN SOUTH AFRICA.

GOVERNMENT REVELATION.

Cape Town, Yesterday. The apparently unimportant item of "22,500 for district development" caused a first class debate in the Assembly, in the course of which interesting details were given of the romantic discovery of a fabulously rich alluvial deposit of diamonds in Alexander Bay at the mouth of the Orange River, which was first disclosed last December.

Sir David Harris described the new El Dorado as the richest diamond field ever discovered anywhere, and questions elicited the information that the diamonds are lying on the surface and only need picking up.

The Government owns 100 claims from whence experts have extracted 416,000 worth of diamonds in a few weeks by hand-picking.

The Government propose that 60 Namaqualand diggers work the fields on behalf of the State.

Minister Beyers emphasised that the Government would control the output.

The Opposition, led by General Smuts, deprecated the principle of state diggings involved. The debate is proceeding.—Reuter.

"PAVED WITH DIAMONDS."

Impression Abroad—Says the Opposition.

Cape Town, Yesterday. At the resumption of the diamond debate, Mr. Beyers stated that in addition to the Government's hand-dred claims at Alexander Bay, the whole adjoining area containing approximately 30,000 claims was the richest. He had personally picked up diamonds worth £500 in an hour. The Government intended to declare the whole area "state diggings." If the Government acted otherwise, it would mean forcing large quantities of diamonds on the market which was most undesirable.

Replying to fears expressed by the Opposition that the overseas Press will be filled with blazing headlines conveying the impression that South Africa was paved with diamonds, Mr. Beyers said that he had not meant that he could find a £1,000 worth simply by picking them up. If any such idea had arisen from the debate, he asked to correct it.—Reuter.

CAVELL FILM.

SPECIAL SHOWING IN PARIS.

Paris, Yesterday. The producer of the Cavell film has arranged to show it at the Champs Elysees Theatre to foreign pressmen, including British.



Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary.

Special trains and boat will be run for the British pressmen, and all will be asked to vote as to the desirability of public presentation.—Reuter.

View on Censorship.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons several questions were put to the Home Secretary suggesting "in view of recent events," the desirability of appointing an official film censorship.

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks replied, expressing the opinion that the present system generally secured an adequate standard.—Reuter.

SPEED IN THE AIR.

BRITISH ATTEMPT AT RECORD.

London, Yesterday. An attempt to establish a new air speed record, using a Supermarine Napier Lion S type seaplane, will probably be made by Flight-Lieut. Kinkaid next week. The machine is now being assembled at Calshot, Southampton water, and will afterwards undergo testing.

It is anticipated that over 300 British Wireless Service.

SNOW IN YUNNAN.

HEAVIEST FALL FOR 12 YEARS.

GOOD FOR THE PROVINCE.

Yunnanfu, Feb. 21. The snowstorm which began on Feb. 17 was renewed the next afternoon and continued during that night until there was a fall of over a foot. Such a fall has not occurred for twelve years in this province.

On Feb. 19, at about 10 a.m., a very decided thaw set in, owing to the clouds dispersing, and the sun coming out in strength. The snow began rapidly to disappear, but it has not all gone yet, as there is still a nip in the air, and the weather is inclined to be cloudy. This fall of snow has done a great amount of good to the country, as moisture was badly needed, and no doubt the benefit will be felt when the warm weather sets in, which should be very soon.—Our own correspondent.

STARS KILL FILMS.

ONE WHO LIKED ONLY ONE SIDE OF FACE.

INDIVIDUAL PERSONALITY.

"The American people spoke, and lived the language of the cinema before it was invented."

That is how M. Maurice Tourneur, who has made scores of pictures for Hollywood, explains their success.

M. Tourneur is a Frenchman, a pupil of Puvion de Chavannes and Rodin, who has returned to his own country after a long residence in America.

Now he feels able to say what he really thinks about it all.

"The best equipped studios produce the most ordinary films," says the man who worked for some of the biggest American companies. "I have seen true creators make remarkable films in positive cattle-sheds."

"All Close-Ups."

"To be interesting the film must reflect the personality of an individual. It must have a soul. You cannot get that when 100 people share the responsibility."

"Stars kill films," says M. Tourneur, who has directed most of the best-known players of Hollywood.

"They are over much consulted regarding the selection of the scenario, and they are dictatorial."

"One actress had a clause in her contract by which the right side of her face only was to be photographed."

"Many a star will consider a film good only if it consists mainly of close-ups."

POPULAR "PEKE."

CHALLENGE OF NOVELTY HANDBAG.

The Kennel Club state that England's dog population is increasing.

Dogs registered numbered: 1920, 16,689; in 1926, 58,683, and in 1927 59,383. Other factors which emerge from the census are that:

Approximately every seventh dog registered was an Alsatian.

The Pekinese is still queen of the pets.

The dachshund is returning to popularity.

The greyhound has leaped into the limelight in the sporting class, quite apart from racing activities.

The perky Pekinese, in face of strong opposition by the novelty dog handbags, remains the darling of the women.

MINE ACCIDENT.

THIRTEEN KILLED IN A GERMAN SHAFT.

Berlin, Yesterday. Thirteen miners were killed and thirty-five taken to hospital as the result of two cages falling down a mine-shaft at Recklinghausen.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE SHARES.

Singapore, March 2.

Rubber shares are quoted as follows:—
Allenby \$ 2.00
Glenclyde 1.95
Jimahs 1.65
Kedahs 3.10
Malaka Pindas 1.80
Pajamas 1.80
Latest dividends declared are as follows:—
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Sungai Way, 10% 1st interim.
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AFTER 160 YEARS.

DISBANDMENT OF 3RD MADRAS REGIMENT.

UNBROKEN HISTORY.

Bombay, Feb. 10. Amidst scenes of intense pathos, the final act in the disbandment of the 3rd Madras Regiment was staged on Tuesday morning at Secunderabad.

It was the end of the famous old Regiment, which, as Major-General Gathorne-Hardy, General Officer Commanding the Poona District, said in his farewell message, has an unbroken history of 160 years, and in the early days fought continuously for England against the French and their allies.

During that time it took part in many engagements, including the capture of Pondicherry and assault of Seringapatam.

After serving in many wars, including the Afghan War of 1879, the Regiment served with distinction in the Great War in Mesopotamia and Somaliland.

After the Great War it saw service in Waziristan.

The Ceremony.

Early on Tuesday, Colonel Phillips and other British officers of the Regiment and a few Indian officers and men, comprising a quarter guard, were drawn up on one side of the flagstaff and a company of the 4/14th Punjab Regiment with its band and buglers were on the other side.

On the arrival of Colonel Commandant Headlam, commanding the Secunderabad Infantry Brigade, he was received with a general salute.

The Brigade Commander then read aloud the order of the Commander-in-Chief, disbanding the Regiment and its training company.

Struck Off Strength.

Accordingly, the disbandment will be completed by February 10, on which date it will be struck off the strength of the Indian Army.

After the order was read, Colonel Phillips, commanding the 3rd Madras Regiment, lowered the regimental flag and the buglers and drummers of the Punjab Regiment sounded the "Last Post."

The band then struck up the march of the Madras Regiment for the last time, and the Regiment's last batch of men marched, en route to home, to the railway station where Colonel Phillips and other officers bade them farewell, amidst touching scenes.

The colours of the Regiment were deposited in the historical Church of St. Mary, Madras, on January 15 last.

SHEIKH SENTENCED.

MURDER OF BRITISH OFFICER.

Bagdad, Jan. 30. The High Court here to-day found the tribal sheikh, Dhari Mahmud, guilty of the murder of Colonel Leachman in August 1920, and sentenced him to death. Subsequently, however, the Court, by a majority, commuted the sentence to penal servitude for life. The Court comprised one British and two Iraqi Judges.

Dhari, a venerable figure with one eye and a dusky complexion, had been a fugitive from justice for seven years, but was finally captured by an Armenian motor driver, who spent two months with the tribe with whom Dhari had taken refuge.

During the proceedings Dhari made a statement in Court to the effect that Colonel Leachman, after declaring that his tribesmen were responsible for a number of highway robberies, had abused him and kicked him, finally locking him in a room at the Police Court until he was released by his nephews and armed followers. The venerable sheikh suggested that it was possible that the followers were responsible for the murder of the Colonel.—Reuter.

PETER THE PELICAN.

KILLED BY KINDNESS.

Peter the pelican, of St. James's Park, S.W., is dead, killed by the overflowing generosity of his admirers.

According to a park official, he was thirty years old.

When a post mortem was held, intestinal trouble was found. Peter had indulged in many foods, including a super-abundance of corks.

There now remain a sad Mrs. Peter and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pelican. All three are getting on in years, and Percy is especially troubled by rheumatism, for which he has more than once been treated without much benefit.

It would be a kindness were the pelican today, if any, the park officials say.

CINEMA NOTES.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S LATEST PICTURE.

SUPREME COMEDY.

A new picture by the famous comedian, Charlie Chaplin, is a screen event of the first importance, hence the exceptional interest that is being shown in "The Circus" which is to be presented at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday next. Coupled with the fact that "The Circus" is Charlie's first picture since the "Gold Rush," is the further fact that his latest film excels any of his previous productions. Chaplin in this picture is a down and out tramp who finds himself in the vicinity of a circus. Here, he unwittingly becomes the accomplice of a pick-pocket, and as a result is chased by the police. His ingenuity, however, enables him to elude capture, and when the Circus proprietor finds himself deserted by his staff, Charlie is engaged as a handy man. In a very short time Charlie falls in love with the proprietor's daughter. Unfortunately for Charlie the girl falls in love with the new "star" of the show—a tight rope walker. The circus owner soon finds that in Charlie the property man he has found a first class comedian, whose antics are the delight of the crowds. The climax, however, is not reached until Chaplin has to substitute for the tight-rope walker, and it is in this scene that his acting together with the ludicrous situations his brain has created make the most laughable and exciting scene of the whole picture. Charlie is still the same Charlie of old, with frisk cane, rollicking bowler and baggy trousers, all complete. His quaint mannerisms are there too. Moreover every "stunt" he has put into the picture is new, and altogether "The Circus" is a supremely funny production.

ALSATIAN TERROR.

DOG GRIPS MAN'S COAT, LEG AND ARM.

PLAYFUL OR DANGEROUS?

William Bell, Jun., of The Elms, Kidmore End Road, Caversham, was summoned at Reading Police Court for allowing a ferocious dog to be at large to the danger of residents and passengers on January 4.

The Chief Constable (Mr. T. A. Burrows) stated that the dog was a terror to the neighbourhood, and he asked that it should be destroyed. Bell had been cautioned previously, he said, and told to keep the dog under proper control.

Albert Piper, of Meadowcroft, Kidmore End, stated that shortly before midnight on Jan. 4, as he was passing the house he saw something under the hedge which proved to be the Alsatian.

Witnesses' Experience.

The dog caught hold of his coat, pulling it open. He shook the dog off, and it then took hold of his leg. He managed to shake it off again, but the dog jumped up and caught hold of his arm. He only succeeded in getting rid of the dog by smothering it with his coat. The dog had attacked him on several occasions.

Victor Ball, a milkman, of Sonning Common, said the dog jumped on his chest when he was delivering milk. Since then he had refused to go to the house.

Ernest John Bird, a postman, of Emmer Green, said the dog attacked him when he was delivering letters.

Woman's Fear.

Mrs. Ada Clifford, Lyndhurst Road, Reading, said she was riding past the house on the pillow of a motor-cycle when the dog ran out at her. She was so frightened that she jumped up and stood on the pillow seat.

Bell said that the dog was more playful than dangerous. Most people were afraid of the breed. Bell was fined £2 and 38s. costs.

"SCARLET LETTER."

QUEEN'S FILM OF CLASSIC STORY.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's classic "The Scarlet Letter," expertly screened, is to be seen at the Queen's Theatre. Lillian Gish appears as Hester in the film and gives an able rendering of the part of the pathetic New England girl who loved not wisely but too well. Opposite her is Lars Hanson in the part of the pastor, Arthur Dimmesdale, who was responsible for Hester's shame and who, in one of the most dramatic scenes, brands himself with the scarlet "A" which has long disfigured the breast of his sweetheart. The book has been followed in the main, and it makes a capital film, adequately relieved with sufficient light passages to prevent a sense of overwhelming tragedy. It is a long production, but a fine production for a Pathé Gazette in a long programme.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Scarlet Letter."

To-day—World Theatre: "The Confessions of a Queen."

To-day—Star Theatre: Introduce Me."

To-day—Musical evening at Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

To-day—Dance by H.M.S. "Titania" at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

March 4-5—World Theatre: "Mantrap."

March 4-5—Star Theatre: "The Whole Town's Talking."

March 4-10—Queen's Theatre: "The Circus."

March 6-7—World Theatre: "The Crown of Lies."

March 6-7—Star Theatre: "Altars of Desire."

March 8—Musical at Helena May Institute.

March 8-10—World Theatre: "Dracula With A Millions."

March 8-10—Star Theatre: "The Little Irish Girl."

Sports.

March 3—Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club race, for "H," "Y," "I," & "C" Classes.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tourney (mixed) doubles for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Fanning Hunt steeple-chases (Spring meeting).

March 6—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) medal competition.

March 10—Next Tournament of the H.K. Boxing Assn.; Lee Theatre, Percival Street, East Point.

March 11—Sixth extra race meeting of Macao Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevessa" Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

March 17—Hong Kong Jockey Club extra race meeting, Happy Valley.

March 20—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bery competition, New Course, Fanning.

Lammerts' Auctions.

March 4—At 165, The Peak, (Mt. Kellett Rd.) valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

March 5—At Sales Room, Duddell St., postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Meetings.

March 6—Meeting of lady helpers of the "Cheer 'O" canteen, Chater Rd., in Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

March 10—Thirty-second yearly meeting of shareholders in the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

March 16—Thirty-ninth general meeting of the H.K. Electric & Co., Ltd., Company's offices, P. & O. Bldg., noon.

March 21—Thirty-ninth annual meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Prize-giving of St. Stephen's College, in the Great Hall of St. Stephen's Girls' College, 8 p.m.

March 3-10—Chinese Y.M.C.A. & Y.W.C.A. with Chinese Medical Assn. hold health campaign at Y.M.C.A. Bldg., Bridges St., 7 p.m.

March 5—H.E. the Governor formally opens King's College, Bonham Rd., 3 p.m.

March 5—Mr. R. C. Tredwell, U.S. Consul-General in H.K. lectures on "Personal Experiences in Russian Turkestan" at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 6—Distribution of prizes at St. Paul's Institute, Causeway Bay, by Lady Clement, 5 p.m.

March 6—Annual Inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade by H.E. The Governor, Murray Parade ground, 5.15 p.m.

March 8—Mrs. Ralphs distributes prizes at the Central British School, Kowloon, 5.30 p.m.

ONION-EATER.

JOHN KISS DIES OF WATERY DIETING.

FASTING FOR HEALTH?

Vienna.—Because he preferred onions to every other form of nourishment, John Kiss, a wealthy factory owner, died from complete exhaustion and undernourishment.

Kiss was a radical member of the "Bycerdist-sect" which advocates constant fasting as a certain means of everlasting health. Kiss, according to the rules of the sect, tried to fast completely, but was occasionally forced to eat something. In the belief that onions were the nearest to nothing in the way of food, he made them his principal diet for the six months before he died.

Physicians who examined Kiss declared that his death was caused by hunger and complete enervation. Hungarian authorities who have investigated the case are contemplating measures to Bycerdy's sect before more deaths

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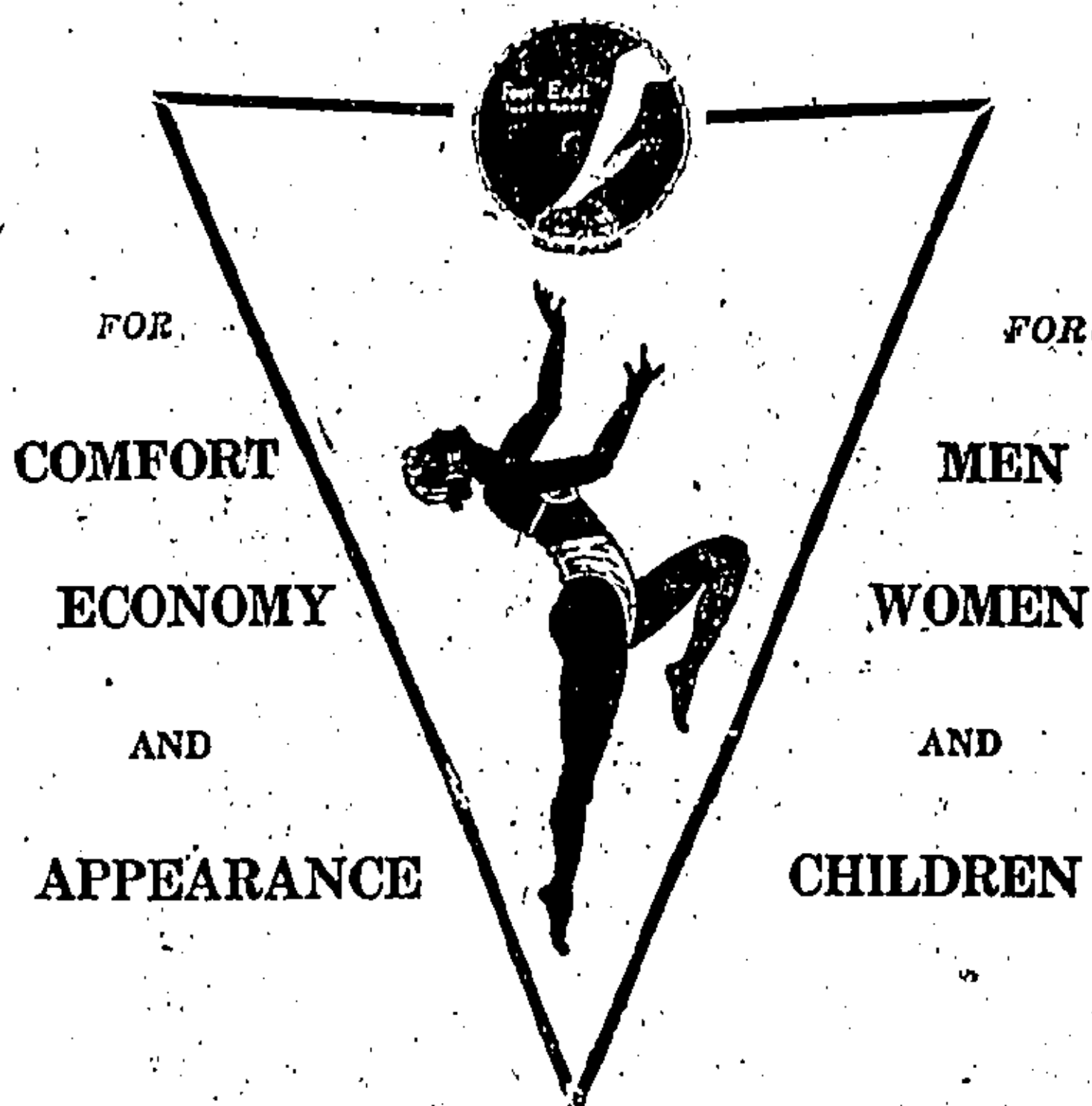
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The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. George Sinclair Rodger, 8, Fung Tai Terrace, Hong Kong, and Miss Gladys Mary Ramsay, 8, Highbury Terrace, Kowloon Dock.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. notifies that owing to faulty cable connection, telegrams between Hong Kong and Shanghai and beyond will be subject to abnormal delay.

Mr. L. C. Tipper of Moseley, Birmingham, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "Mongolia." Mr. Tipper is an agriculturist and an advocate of the British Empire Traders' Association.

M. Pollakov and M. Telesnin have been sentenced to death for "prolonged abuse of their official positions for selfish purpose" in selling grain for private merchants at a higher figure than State grain.

Mexico City, March 1.—The Government has extended till next January 1 the date for foreign oil companies to apply for confirmatory concessions of oil lands and rights acquired before May, 1917.—Reuter.

Miss Gurnee, Mrs. Casswell, Mr. F. X. dos Remedios, Mr. J. A. Silva and Mr. A. H. Madeira were among the passengers on the "Porthos" when she sailed from Hong Kong on Thursday. All are bound for Shanghai.

The South African Labour Party has issued a memorandum advising that the ultimate Socialist objective is not practical politics in South Africa, and that it puts the so-called Moscow weapon in the hands of its opponents.

Mr. P. J. Mandelli returned to Hong Kong on Thursday by the "Porthos" from Singapore. The "Porthos" also brought Mr. D. J. Mitchell from Port Said, Mr. & Mrs. Lemaire from Marseilles and Mr. H. Alves from Saigon.

The marriage took place recently before the Registrar of Marriages, of Ada Mary Pepperell and Ralph Fairbairn Olivier. The religious ceremony was performed by his Lordship Bishop A. Fourquet at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Canton, in 1926.

A horrible accident occurred at Hockliffe (England), when a motor lorry skidded through a hedge and went down a bank. The petrol tank exploded, and set fire to the load, which consisted of six tons of phosphorous powder. The driver was pinned under the lorry, and was burned to death.

Chief Detective Inspector T. ("Tim") Murphy returned to the Colony on the "Mongolia" yesterday after spending long leave at Home. Sub-Inspector Nicholls and others were also on the ship. Detective Inspector A. Reynolds, who has been acting C.D. in Mr. Murphy's absence, goes on leave to-morrow by the "Macedonia."

The Queen's College organ, "The Yellow Dragon," for January and February contains school notes, a record of the prize distribution ceremony, report of a Class 1 Debate "That War is Unnecessary," a continuation of the series of articles on Flowering Plants of Hong Kong, and other information. According to the "Yellow Dragon," Mr. Wallington may shortly be going on leave.

A debate will be held at the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday evening, on the subject "That in making the world Christian, emphasis should be laid on winning individuals, rather than on changing wrong conditions." Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, M.A., and Mr. A. E. Lea will speak in favour of the motion, and the opposition will be led by the Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A., and Mr. G. S. Zimmermann.

Four Chinese women were charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning with causing obstructions in Praya East yesterday by washing clothes on the pavement. The defendants' excuse was that the water supply had been cut off from their houses. Inspector Macdonald said that besides causing obstruction, the defendants wasted water by doing their washing at the street fountain. Fines of \$2 each were imposed by the Magistrate.

The postal employees, at a meeting last week, state the Chinese papers, resolved to demand that the Postal Commissioner shall recognise their Union, that he should give more consideration to culprits when punishing them, should permit a representative of the Union to call on him weekly, should shorten the hours of the motor car employees, and that one "Ah Car Du," a foreman, should not be permitted to smoke at his desk, because the Chinese employees are forbidden to do so.

Master Fung Tin-yau has been elected Head Prefect of Queen's College, Hong Kong.

Municipal Orchestra concerts held in the Shanghai Town Hall in future are to be broadcast.

To-night at 8 p.m. Mr. J. S. Flacks, arriving on s.s. "Macedonia" is expected to speak at the Gospel Hall, Zealand St., opposite the Queen's Road side of the Hong Kong Hotel.

Leasehold property in the Peak district, together with the house known as "Fung Shui" was put up for auction at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's auction rooms yesterday but was withdrawn when there were no advances on \$25,000.



Count Adachi, formerly Japanese envoy to Belgium, who has just been appointed envoy to France, succeeding Count Ichii. Count Adachi is a member of the Japanese People's Council and active in Japanese affairs.

Whilst the ferry launch "Man Yee" was crossing the harbour from Yau-mat to Hong Kong, a third class Chinese passenger accidentally fell overboard. The launch was stopped and a sculler who jumped into the water succeeded in keeping the drowning man afloat until they were both rescued.

At the conclusion of Mr. Potter's submissions at the Appeal Court yesterday in the case in which Loo Kwong-lam and Loo Kwong-hing appeal against a judgment of Mr. Justice Wood's in which he found they had fraudulently misrepresented their age in regard to a \$400,000 mortgage, the case was adjourned until Monday when Mr. F. C. Jenkin, for the respondents, Li Koon-chun and Kan Tong-po, will address the Court.



Stockholm, Sweden.—The most recent likeness of Prince Gustavus Adolphus, heir to the throne of Sweden, and eldest son of Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus. The young Prince has just completed his military studies at the Karolinska Military Academy, and is now a Lieutenant in the Swedish Army.

The students of Pui Ching Baptist Academy in Canton are conducting a vigorous campaign to raise \$10,000 for the construction of a reception building as part of the scheme for the re-modelling of that institution. Although the movement is started spontaneously by the students themselves, they have received much inspiration from their principal, Mr. I. P. Wan, who has been in charge of the school since September last. Under his able administration, many needy reforms have been introduced including a scientific system of organisation based on the latest approved methods. Already the students have received donations up to \$2,000. Before they close their campaign, these students will visit Hong Kong and Macao with a view to securing further contributions from those who are interested in the educational progress in South China.

The M.M. "Porthos" which passed through Hong Kong yesterday had on board over seventy details from Marseilles for the French Defence Force at Shanghai, also a number of sergeants.

In connection with the raffie drawn at Queen's Theatre in connection with the dancing display of Miss V. Capell's pupils, the holder of ticket No. 33 is advised to apply to the Anderson Music Company.

In view of the disturbances prevailing at Swabue and neighbouring places, the General Post Office has announced that postal service to that port has been suspended from yesterday until further notice.

Dr. Ying Zer-dieh, a Chinese physician living in Shanghai Chinese city, and Vice-President of the Shanghai Chinese Red Cross Society, was kidnapped as he was leaving the house of his concubine, 588, Yates Road.

Dr. Earle Page, the Commonwealth Treasurer, stated at Sydney, according to Reuter, that it was the Federal Government's policy gradually to do away with the Federal Land Tax as and when opportunities occurred.

New York, March 1.—Yet another distinction has been conferred on Col. Lindbergh, the Woodrow Wilson award being conferred on him for his "Goodwill" flight to Central and South America. It consists of a medal and \$25,000.

Mr. E. J. Edwards has become headmaster of Wanchai (Government district) School. The "Yellow Dragon" says that the Masters' Common Room at Queen's College seems quite empty without "Tiny" who used to fill the lone basket chair so well.

The capsizing of a motor car between Rotorua and Taupo (New Zealand) caused the death of Father Kreymborg (aged 60 years), a Roman Catholic priest of Rotorua, and severely injured Dean Vandyke, Superior of the Maori Mission.

The final results of the Lagting elections in the Faroe Islands show a defeat of the Samband party, which is in favour of maintaining present relations with Denmark. The party has lost four seats of the thirteen held, two going to the Home Rulers, bringing their total to 12, and two to the Socialists, who were not previously represented.

Many Hong Kong residents returned from Home leave yesterday on the P. & O. "Mongolia." Those who arrived included Mr. H. Owen Hughes (of Messrs. Harry Wicking & Co.), the interport cricketer; Mr. and Mrs. Hickling; Mr. and Mrs. Sellars; Mr. and Mrs. J. Howe; Mr. D. Abbey; Mr. H. U. Ireland; Mr. and Mrs. Knott; Miss Forrest; Mr. C. Middleton Smith and Mrs. and Mrs. Stuart.

Mr. Yu Yah-ching, a prominent Shanghai Chinese merchant and former chairman of the Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, was the recipient of many congratulations and a number of gifts at the 25th anniversary gathering of the Netherlands Trading Society (of which Mr. Yu Yah-ching is a comrade). The Netherlands Consul-General decorated Mr. Yu with the insignia of an Officer of the Orange Nassau.

Angola (Portuguese West Africa) is shortly instituting a new monetary unit, called the "angolar," in place of the escudo. The angolar will be exchangeable at par for the Portuguese escudo. The relative value of the new angolar and the present Angolan escudo will be fixed taking into consideration the relative mean value of the Portuguese escudo and the Angolan escudo during the six months preceding the coming into use of the new money.

Whilst a Chinese named Choi Kan was walking in Lyndhurst Terrace last night, a sneak thief approached him from behind and robbed him of a roll of banknotes worth \$70, which Choi was in the act of putting into his pocket. The thief actually succeeded in snatching the money from Choi's hand, and immediately took to his heels. An alarm was immediately raised, chase was given, and the thief was captured a little distance away with the money in his possession.

In aid of the funds of the Ministering Children's League, the staff and pupils of the Garrison School gave an entertainment at Mount Austin Barracks yesterday evening, the programme having been arranged under the auspices of the Military branch of the M.C.L. Most of the items were by boys and girls whose ages ranged from four to fourteen years and the songs and dances and a playlet given, reflected the highest credit both on the performers and those who had coached them.

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In the interests of trade, or mutual understanding, or letting people at Home know what progress has been made towards restoring amity, residents should make the most of the opportunity. Misconceptions should be removed for the benefit of Hong Kong and its people.

A very effective way to do so is to inform friends and business connections of the happy prospect in view. Let them read the latest number of the "Overland China Mail" which contains the week's news. The news will back up your arguments convincingly.

This week's "Overland" describes the welcome given by Canton to the British Minister; preparations for receiving General Li Chai-sum are recorded; speeches of the Colony's leading merchants—who one and all speak with confidence of the immediate future—are reproduced in the "Overland."—Do your duty by sending the "Overland China Mail" to those who do not know.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

By spending a little time while you are on holiday, you can keep yourself well informed if you have the "Overland." The articles which you will seek are written to help non-Chinese to understand. In any case, you will not regret, from your own point of view, being posted with the main developments (reported in brief) while you are away.

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Sport Columns

SATURDAY SOCCER.

HONG KONG SHIELD SEMI-FINALS.

RIVALS AT CLUB GROUND.

[By "Rover."] The matches arranged for Saturday provide an attractive programme and are as follows:

Semi-Finals—Hong Kong Shield Competition—Senior Division—Kick-off 4.15 p.m.

Hong Kong Club v. Kowloon, at Club Ground, Happy Valley. Referee: Capt. Austin. Linesmen: Messrs. Presley and Coward.

Hong Kong Police v. R.A., at Kowloon A.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Barber. Linesmen: Messrs. Bullwin and Lawrence.

Hong Kong Shield Competition, Junior Division—kick-off 2.15 p.m.

K.O.S.B. Res. v. St. Joseph's, at Kowloon A.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Willis. Linesmen: Messrs. Stokes and Hutchins.

Kowloon v. Chinese Athletic, at Hong Kong Club ground, Happy Valley. Referee: Mr. Mackie. Linesmen: Messrs. Lamb and Kinsella.

Hong Kong League—Senior Division—kick-off 4.15 p.m.

Recreio v. Chinese Athletic, King's Park. Referee: Mr. Gilbert.

R.A.F. v. K.O.S.B. Regt., Chatham Road. Referee: Mr. Smith.

Hong Kong League—Junior Division "A"—kick-off 2.45 p.m.

South China "A" v. University. Caroline Hill. Referee: Mr. Samy.

The Shield Semi Finals in both divisions are the big attractions of the day and both at Kowloon and Hong Kong very promising matches are down for decision.

At the Club ground, Happy Valley, where the meeting of the Club and Kowloon has been arranged by a sporting agreement of the two Clubs, spectators will have the added interest of intense local rivalry, as owing to Kowloon's good progress lately and the Club's rather surprising victory over the Borders on Tuesday last, the clash of these two teams should provide a very exciting game and a close result.

In addition to the Shield Semi-Finals there are two Senior League matches at Kowloon the meeting of Recreio and Chinese Athletic being the principal item and the Recreio who made a good fight at the Valley at the last meeting are fielding a strong side and hope to give their clever opponents a good run. Brown is still an absentee from the forward line, Fernandez of the Reserves being given a chance and Ogley will probably partner Xavier, Fernandez again being given a trial on goal. The Athletic will depend on their usual formation and will now concentrate upon the League in which they hold almost an unassailable position.

H.K. GARRISON.

Latest League Tables for the Competition.

		P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
C Coy.	2nd	0	8	0	1	38	5	17
HQ.	2nd	0	10	6	2	22	10	14
D Coy.	2nd	0	10	5	2	32	18	13
A Coy.	2nd	0	9	5	2	12	8	12
B Coy.	2nd	0	8	5	2	16	10	11
12th H Bty.		0	8	4	2	26	12	10
31st H Bty.		0	8	4	3	17	9	9
HQ.	1st	0	9	4	1	19	16	9
R.A.M.C.		0	11	4	7	22	35	8
R.A.O.C.		0	10	1	8	1	9	38
R.E.		0	8	1	7	0	4	23
Signals		0	8	1	7	0	4	23
20th H Bty.		0	8	0	8	0	2	32

Hinckley United, a Birmingham combination side, have not been defeated on their own ground since December 1924.

A series of rugby matches between a team from the Sixth Regt. U.S. Marines, now stationed in Tientsin, and Tientsin rugby teams, has been arranged to take place on March 10th.

MEN WITH PUNCH.

BOXERS WHO DRAW "BIG" MONEY.

BETTER THAN A BANDIT!

The boys with the heavy "swat" take the money. There's Babe Ruth, drawing 70,000 dollars a year in salary from the Yanks, and as much more from other sources, because he is the best "swatter" that ever knocked a baseball out of a lot.

The same argument holds at a heavy-weight championship fight. The fighters draw so much money they ought to feel embarrassed whenever they meet any guy who works for his living, like a bucket-shop operator, a seller of oil well stock or a bank bandit. These poor saps put in a whole lifetime gathering what a champ fighter expects to be paid for thirty minutes or less in the ring (says Robert Edgren in the "Topical Times").

The Great Sullivan. The "sockers" always did get the following and the money. John L. Sullivan was the greatest "swat" artist of his day. John L. often got as much as a thousand dollars for a finish fight even when he was a young man and had a right hand swing like the kick of an army mule. When he was older his purses increased because thousands would cross half a dozen states and run the gauntlet of all the sheriffs from Louisiana to Mississippi to reach some hole in the woods and see John fight. They didn't even get a plan to sit on, for their gate money.

John's reputation as a murderous mauler increased until he fought James J. Corbett at New Orleans for a 25,000 dollars side stake, winner take all—an almost incredible sum in those days. John couldn't hit Corbett, but that was forgotten in later years, and when John went into vaudeville everyone rushed to see him because he was remembered as the man who used to break barrels with a chop of his fist and keep an ambulance at the stage entrance to carry away his victims while meeting all comers.

Fitz—Scientific Hitter. Bob Fitzsimmons was the greatest fighter of his time because he was the most scientific hitter. Jack Dempsey knocked both Willard and Firpo down seven times in the first round. Bob never did anything like that. When he dropped a man that man stayed down. He didn't put everything into a punch until he had it placed and timed to perfection. Bob would even watch his opponent's breathing to land a punch in the pit of the stomach just as the victim had drawn in a full breath. That was science.

Old Bob Fitzsimmons will be talked of a hundred years from now like Jim Figg, of England, the first professional "prize-fighter" whose feats were considered worth writing about. A fight was a fight in Bob's day—not a business deal. He and Corbett fought for the world's championship and 15,000 dollars, winner take all.

Jeffries the Strongest. Jim Jeffries was the strongest man ever seen in a ring, fast and able to hit a terrific blow. Jeffries liked boxing and preferred to take his time and land a knock-out scientifically. He got his ideas of boxing from Corbett and his ideas of punching from Fitzsimmons. I've never seen the man who could have beaten Jeff at his best.

The "swat" isn't always delivered with baseball bat or gloved fist. There was Georges Hackenschmidt, who leaped to popularity when he first came to wrestle. Hack was a marvellous athlete, built like a Hercules, but not a giant in either height or bulk. He wrestled Tom Jenkins, who has been instructor for many years at West Point, and was then American champion. Jenkins was a cowering wrestler, clever and powerful, and rough. He roughed Hackenschmidt for a few minutes and Hack let him do it. Then suddenly Hack picked Jenkins up, tossed him in the air and turned him upside down, and threw him on his head and shoulders. Tom was knocked out by the fall and Hack rolled him over on his back. That was a finish with a "kick in it." The spectators talked about that exhibition of strength for years afterward.

In the First Minute. Eddie McGoorty was a very popular fighter. He often won with a clean knock-out in the first minute of fighting. One of Eddie's left hooks on the chin was usually enough. People packed the old Garden to see that left hook, and McGoorty was regarded as a marvel until he fought Mike Gibbons. He couldn't hit Mike. This Gibbons party, by the way, was the craftiest boxer of his day, but his fame rested on his hard hitting and the clean

TENNIS TOURNNEY.

EX-CHAMPION WINS IN 1st ROUND.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

T. Honda, an ex-holder, was extended over the full five sets yesterday in the first match in the open singles championship of the Hong Kong C.C. lawn tennis tournament. His opponent, young Cassumbhoy, has improved considerably and shows promise. Yesterday's results:

Open Singles.

T. Honda beat J. Cassumbhoy 5-7, 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
K. T. San beat T. Ema 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

T. Isomura beat T. Yamada 6-1, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.
J. Hale beat T. Fujieda 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "B".

W. A. Stewart (rec. 15/1) beat M. M. Watson (rec. 15/1) 6-2, 7-5.
Handicap Singles "A".
S. E. Green (owe 15/3) v. S. M. Garrard (rec. 15/3).

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Open Singles.

Ng Sze-kwong v. Cheng Chi-wing.
Ng Sze-cheung v. A. D. Humphreys.

Rev. F. P. W. Alexander v. H. R. Trumper.
Ho Ka-lau v. E. W. Rallton.

H. D. Rummah v. N. Inagaki.
Lt. R. P. Lonsdale v. Y. Sakiki.
Handicap Singles "B".
Lt. R. P. Lonsdale (owe 15/3) v. H. Spicer (rec. 5/6).

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The positions of competitors so far in the Colony's chess championship, organised by the Kowloon Chess Club, are as follows:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
D. E. Carvalho	8	7	0	1	7
Sir Henry Pollock	8	7	0	1	7
C. M. Sequeira	7	5	2	0	6
S. L. Hussain	8	4	2	2	5
C. Choa	11	4	2	5	5
H. W. Randall	8	4	0	4	4
C. E. Wong	9	4	0	5	4
S. G. Kumble	10	4	0	6	4
"A. N. Other"	10	3	1	6 3/4	
J. C. Faers	8	2	1	5 1/2	
J. S. Smith	8	1	2	5	
A. W. Hawker	7	1	0	6	1

Clapton Orient's balance-sheet for 1926-27 shows a profit of £2,278 as compared with a loss of £1,111 on the previous season's working. The income from all sources amounted to £19,019.

punch between Willie's guarding gloves.

Looking back over the champions, Sullivan's reputation had the big fellows half beaten before they started, until he grew old and fat. Jim Corbett was admired as a wonderful boxer, but Sharkey, Fitzsimmons and Jeffries beat him because they could punch. Fitzsimmons would be the greatest drawing card in the world if he was fighting to-day because crowds would turn out hoping to see his spectacular knock-out delivery. Fitzsimmons was most dangerous when he was apparently beaten, for he always had that punch ready. Jeffries was a deliberate boxer, but the hardest hitter in the world when he cut loose. He had to retire because any match that could be made for Jeffries would be too one-sided to interest the public.

Dempsey & Tunney. Jack Dempsey is amazingly popular, even eight years after he won the championship and while trying unsuccessfully to win it back from Tunney. He always has been an aggressive and reckless fighter and a tremendous hitter. Leo Flynn made the mistake of trying to change Dempsey's style and have him outbox Tunney at Chicago. He did make Tunney miss more punches than he ever missed before, but the only real hit of the fight was when Dempsey went back to his rushing, furious attack in the seventh round, and knocked Tunney down for fourteen seconds—a fair and square knockout that was unfilled by the peculiar count of the referee.

There are many who would like to see Dempsey fight Tunney once more, going out in his old reckless style to either win or lose, knock-out or be knocked out, in the shortest possible time. In that case he might win the championship, or he might be beaten decisively. In either case the result would be a popular champion. Tunney is a fine boxer and both mentally and physically an ideal figure as champion, but he lacks the one thing that makes a really popular fighter—the punch. The boys with the heavy "swat" draw the money. Tunney has benefited by that in

THE MARATHON.

KOWLOON ANNUAL RACE ENTRIES.

LAST YEAR'S WINNER.

Entries closed yesterday for the annual Kowloon Marathon which is to take place on March 5 under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Church Young Men's Club.

This year's competitors number 30, and include Pte. Cranston of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, who was last year's winner. The services contribute 25 of the entries, and out of this 12 are Kosbies and ten Naval men. The R.A.M.C. will be represented by two runners and the Royal Artillery by one. Contrary to expectations, both the Scots Guards and the Queen's Regiment have not entered.

Prizes on View.

Prizes for this year's Marathon have been donated by Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. W. S. Bailey and Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., and are to be seen at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's window and will be presented at the close of the race.

The race will commence at 4.30 sharp, and competitors are requested to be at the St. Andrew's Church Hall as early as possible.



Miss Agnes H. Wilson, daughter of William B. Wilson, former Secretary of Labor, who has announced that she will run for Congress from Pennsylvania. Miss Wilson, who defended her father during the contesting of Senator-elect Vane's seat, is a well known lawyer and plans to run for Representative.

CROSSES THE BAR.

PASSING OF A GALLANT SAILOR.

SIR JOHN DE ROBECK.

Portsmouth stood still one day in mail week to honour the memory of one of her greatest sea warriors, the late Admiral Sir John de Robeck, whose remains passed through the port from London on its way to picturesque Bournemouth, in the Isle of Wight, for burial.

A motor hearse brought the coffin from London, and was taken to the Royal Naval Barracks, where a procession was formed for the Marlborough pier. It was headed by the naval barracks guard and the bands of the Royal Naval School of Music and the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

The King was represented by Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson. The pall-bearers were Admiral of the Fleet Earl Jellicoe, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles E. Madden, Bart., Admiral of the Fleet the Hon. Sir Somerset Gough-Calthorpe, Admiral Sir Montague E. Browning, General Sir George F. Milne, Admiral Sir Osmond de B. Brock, General Sir Walter P. Braithwaite, and Lieut-general Lewis Halliday, V.C., R.M.

Across the Solent. Another mourner was General Sir Ian Hamilton, who commanded the British Forces at the Dardanelles during the war, while the late admiral was in charge of the Allied Fleets in these waters. Representatives from the French and Italian navies were present.

The streets were lined by troops from the garrison. At Marlborough Pier the coffin was lowered into the minesweeper "Caterham," which was escorted from Portsmouth to Ryde by two destroyers. Warships in port flew their colours at half-mast, and as thousands of people watched the admiral's passing across the Solent the guns in the naval saluting battery boomed out a parting tribute to a gallant sailor.

Correspondents are complaining of the presence in Singapore of a person styling himself the Magnetic Healer who claims to have marvellous powers. We have seen the methods he adopts and to the uninitiated they appear extraordinary; as do many tricks of the way-side conjuror. Those who care to patronise such gentlemen must be

TELEPHONE DRAMAS

SUICIDES "HEARD" OVER LINE.

FATAL SHOTS.

A lawyer, Mr. Peter Olde, was talking over the telephone to a client when the voice stopped short, there came the sound of two shots, and the thud of a falling body.

Instantly, Mr. Olde rang up a friend, whose place of business was only a hundred yards from his client's house, and told him what had happened. Running to the house, the man found the speaker lying dead, shot through the head. He had been murdered by his brother-in-law.

The annals of the telephone are full of similar tragedies. Mr. Grant Houck, an official in the American Board of Agriculture, was kept almost continually busy at headquarters and forced to refuse his wife's requests to take her to various parties, though she begged him to do so again and again. One night, when he was working late, she rang him up and asked him to come home.

"It is impossible," he answered. "Hold the line a moment," said the wife.

"I want you to hear something that will interest you." She left the telephone a moment, then he heard her speaking again. "Now, dearest, can you hear perfectly?" she asked.

"Yes, what do you want me to hear?"

"This," said the wife. "When you have heard I feel sure you will come home."

A pistol shot rang out, and when the wretched man did reach home his wife lay dead.

Too Late.

"Party" lines are common in many rural districts in the United States. In a party line, one ring summons all the subscribers on the circuit.

On a bitter February afternoon, fifteen farm-houses in Wayne County, Ohio, were rung up simultaneously, and the women who hastened to the call were in time to hear a woman's agonised screams for help, and savage oaths from a man.

The listeners ran out, and sent their husbands rushing to the rescue, but they were too late. The woman lay dead on the floor, the house had been ransacked, and the thief had disappeared.

There is a Grand Guignol play called "Heard at the Telephone," but it was not more terrible than an actual happening near Berlin. A young man named Sommerfeld received a letter from his fiancée telling him she had changed her mind and the engagement must be cancelled. He went to a public telephone booth, rang her up, and asked if her decision was final.

"Yes," she answered. "I meant every word."

"Then listen well," said the young man, "and you may hear something that will interest you." A shot rang out, and when the girl had communicated with the police they found his body in the booth.

The Last Act. James Hartsock, a hotel-keeper in Minneapolis, had a friend named James Garfield, an actor, and one day the latter called him up on the phone.

"What is it?" asked Hartsock. "Wait and listen," the other answered.

Hartsock heard Garfield's wife apparently pleading for her life, and supposed that the two were rehearsing a new play, but next moment the unmistakable reports of a revolver startled him. Then came dead silence.

Hartsock telephoned the police who, breaking in, found Mrs. Garfield dead on the floor with her husband dying beside her. Stranger of all, Garfield himself had taken a part in the play, "Heard at the Telephone."

DEATH DUTIES.

U. S. WIDOW'S TOTAL OF \$3,600,000.

New York.—The largest fortune ever recorded by the New York State Tax Department was left by Mrs. Anna Harkness, the widow of Mr. Stephen Harkness, partner of Mr. J. D. Rockefeller in the founding of the Standard Oil Company.

Mrs. Harkness's estate was \$1,070,000 (\$21,400,000), and on this sum \$18,000,000 (\$3,600,000) inheritance taxes have been paid.

At the time of her husband's death several years ago the estate was estimated at \$50,000,000 (\$10,000,000), and the enormous increase is due to the consistent rise in the securities of which the fortune was composed, which included more than half a million shares of Common stock in the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. The son of Mrs. Harkness, who is the sole executor of the will and the largest beneficiary, is estimated to have received \$90,000,000 (\$18,000,000).

\$800 IN A PARCEL.

ELDERLY WOMAN'S GIFT TO A HOSPITAL.

SISTER DIED RECENTLY.

An elderly woman walked into the Westminster Hospital and handed the secretary a brown paper parcel, roughly done up. Without a word she walked away.

"Thank you very much," said the secretary, thinking the woman had left a parcel of linoleum. He opened a corner of the parcel before putting it on one side. It was packed with Treasury notes.

The porter stopped the woman before she could leave the building. She refused her name and address.

There were 800 \$1 Treasury notes in the parcel, she said, and they were to be an anonymous gift.

A Real Sacrifice.

"My sister died recently," the woman faltered when pressed for an explanation, "and before she died we decided that all the money I could spare after her death should go to a hospital."

The secretary of the hospital told the woman that a number of Treasury notes had been found recently in the hospital collecting boxes. She admitted that she had put some in.

The woman hurried off and disappeared in the crowds. "It was evidently a real sacrifice on the woman's part," the hospital secretary said, "judging by the plain and modest clothes she wore. She said she hoped that her action would be an example to people who had more money."

EX-KAISER.

"GREATER FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT."

London, Jan. 17.

A certain importance is given to the agitation in Germany in favour of enlarging the ex-Kaiser's freedom of movement by the statement of a Nationalist paper at Leipzig to the effect that influential quarters in this country have been asked to take action on his behalf.

Whatever may be behind this allegation, nothing is known on the subject at the Foreign Office and it may be taken as certain that no action of the kind is contemplated by the British Government.

It is known that the ex-Emperor would like to be allowed to leave Doorn in order to travel, or even to take up his residence in Germany, but if any negotiations are taking place on the subject they are outside official knowledge in this country.

According to the Communist organ in Berlin, William II. is planning to make his home at Homburg Castle, near Frankfurt. In the settlement between Prussia and the ex-German rulers in 1926 this was included in the properties given to the exiled head of the House of Hohenzollern. The Left parties at once saw danger in this. Largely as the result of their resistance the Law for the Protection of the Republic was renewed last year, enabling the Republic to prevent the ex-ruler's return if it is attempted.

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London, Yesterday.

Paris	124
New York	4.87 27/32
Brussels	35.02
Geneva	25.34
Amsterdam	12.12
Milan	92.20
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.31
Vienna	34.62 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	28.89
Lisbon	2 19/64
Athens	399
Bucharest	794 1/2
Rio	5 15/16
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/5 31/32
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AS BIOGRAPHY.

RADIO "BACKGROUND OF NOISE"

Mr. Frank Howes, in approaching the subject of musical appreciation at a meeting of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, laid it down as a first essential that music should be regarded as an experience in much the same way as a summer holiday or falling in love was an experience. The supreme argument in favour of musical appreciation, he said, was that they got from music, as they got from life itself, just as much and no more than they put into it. For instance, the people who turned on their wireless sets at mid-day and kept them going until midnight did so not from any appreciation of music, but because they liked a continuous noise as a background to their other occupations. Music had become to them a drug, a kind of "audible tobacco," and, like all heavy smokers, such people tended to stick to "gaspers," and to eschew the more aromatic flavours. (Laughter.)

Dealing with what he described as "biographical listening," Mr. Howes said if they were to realise fully every composer's point of view, they must not only listen historically, but biographically. At the same time, it was often hazardous to try to reconstruct a man's life and personality by his artistic works. Undoubtedly a man did express himself in his art, but it was not always a true expression of his personality. The theme underlying much of Wagner's work, for instance, was renunciation, whereas the secret of Wagner's life was that he could renounce neither other men's wealth nor other men's wives. (Laughter.)

His works showed traces both of his conscious and of his sub-conscious life, but without the aid of his biography it would be impossible to say which was his life as known to the world. In writing music the composer was expressing character just as the novelist was. He did, in fact, make his music sad, bold, or jolly, from which it followed that music became a commentary on life. His own attitude towards appreciation was founded on the simple proposition that music was life and not mathematics; it was infectious and not watertight; the more one put into it the more one found in it, and that, technical teaching apart, resourcefulness and enthusiasm rather than system were required for spreading the contagion.

Dr. Markham Lee thought that great care had to be exercised when they attempted to arouse children's interest in the composer as a man. They were going to get into very hot water if they tried to link up his music with his life or show that it was either the same or different. As an example, they could not very well enter into the details of Wagner's private life with a class of schoolgirls. (Laughter.)

B.B.C. and Tunes of Music.

Mr. Macdonald Smith suggested that the surest progression in musical appreciation was through "jazz" to tuneful melodies, then from popular overtures to tuneful classics, and finally to the best works of Beethoven and Bach, and in some cases to the compositions of modern music. Dealers in what had been termed "mechanised music," the piano-player and the gramophone, had observed that progressive change in customers' requirements. He also thought that the B.B.C., which was having an immense influence on popular tastes through its orchestral and military bands, in giving such a small proportion of tuneful music was missing the best method of creating a musical public. It was, in fact, omitting several rungs of the ladder leading from low-brow to high-brow, which had to be climbed step by step.

TO BAN JAZZ.

A MENACE TO WHITE RACE.

"The Biological Aspect of Memory and Jazzery" was the title given by Sir Henry Coward, conductor of the Sheffield Orchestral Society, to a talk to the Incorporated Society of Musicians. It followed, as he explained, his recent condemnation of this newer form of music, and he carried his criticism a stage further by declaring that on moral and ethical grounds jazz should be banned and suppressed.

"Many people must be asked themselves where we are drifting," he said. "We see a decided lowering of the pre-war standards in ethics, morals, language, and conduct. Joined to this there is a feverish exploitation of low types of pleasure in the younger generation. This has led to synchronisation with, or the vulgarisation of, English taste and artistic ideals by means of many American cinema pictures, the unutterable Yankee musical comedies, revues, and plays, until we are led to exclaim: 'Where are the white races drifting, morally, ethically, artistically, and commercially?' I am not a pessimist, but I wish to preserve the dignity of the white races against the decadent tendencies which we see on every hand, but which, happily, are not universal or irreparable."

"If we wish to avoid the fate of the great Empires which have dominated and declined, including Egypt, Babylon, Greece and Rome, we must see that our lotus-eating does not take the place of working, and that we do not allow jazz to pay fat dividends, while steel, cutlery and plate, cotton and cloth languish and our high thinking and spirituality decay."

After observing that jazz was a low type of primitive music, with decidedly atavistic tendencies, Sir Henry continued: "It is founded on crude rhythms suggested by the stamping of the foot and the clapping of the hands, and it always puts an emphasis on the grotesque by bannings and clangings of pots, pans, or any shimmering metallic substance, reinforced by special drums. This latter has to a great extent gone now, but the same spirit is present. It debases both music and instruments by making both farcical. The noble trombone is made to bray like an ass, guffaw like a village idiot, and moan like a cow in distress. The silver-tongued trumpet is made to screech; produces sounds like drawing a nail on a slate, tearing calico, or like a nocturnal tom-cat. (Laughter.)"

Symptom of Atavism.

"The next indictment is that jazz vulgarises the perception of tone qualities. Just fancy the deplorable taste of a man who can tolerate the dull, cloudy, hooty, out-of-tune tone of a saxophone, or the twangy banjo, which is forced by its limited tonality and technique to an incessant plang, plang, plang, which is eked out by a set of exasperating tipity-tapity vampings. (Laughter.) The person who is unconscious of such bad taste is on a level with the rich parvenu who stuffs his rooms with all sorts of gaudy ornaments and adorns his walls with oleographs. The so-called jazz classics are merely delectated jazz, and even in that form they remind me of a buffoon parodying serious speech. Those and all the other characteristics of jazz indicate atavism, a going back to the standards and conditions of the cave man and the negro of the Southern plantations. The popularisation of this class of music, with its reaction on subconscious memory, evoking practices and usages of the past, such as immodest dances, led to a lowering of the prestige of the white races. To check any further loss of prestige we must ban jazz."

Mr. Arthur Bliss, the composer, disagreed with much that Sir Henry Coward had argued. "It is (Continued at foot of next column.)"

MUSIC IN BRITAIN.

SIR T. BEECHAM'S OPERA SCHEME.

After a long period of waiting and after having had our expectations tickled by many promises of unveiling, we are at last allowed to know Sir Thomas Beecham's scheme called "The Imperial League of Opera."

Briefly, it is as follows:—Sir Thomas estimates that there are 150,000 music-lovers willing to pay twopence a week. If these 150,000 will promise ten shillings per annum for three years there will be an income of £60,000. Five or six months in London and shorter seasons in Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, and Manchester, will involve an annual expenditure of £50,000 and leave £10,000 as a safety margin.

There will be a business management committee of three. Sir Thomas will be solely responsible for productions and for the selection of artists. He will have the assistance of an advisory board of experts, including Sir Landon Ronald, and Mr. Frederick Austin.

A permanent orchestra will be formed, which will give symphony concerts in addition to operatic performances. Members of the league will be able to get a rebate of 10 per cent. of the price on their subscription tickets. Prices of admission to all parts of the theatres, except for festivals or special performances, will be similar to ordinary theatre prices.

The scheme has had a good press and there have been few objections raised to it by the public.

Left Out.

But it appears to me (writes Dr. W. G. Whitaker) that there are three serious flaws. The initial circular mentions no town but London, and the six above enumerated. Such places as Aberdeen, Hull, Halifax, Bradford, Newcastle, Bristol, Cardiff, are left out of count altogether. These are all large centres and might have contributed a considerable proportion to the whole, but very few people will be willing to pay even the small sum of twopence a week for the benefit of opera-goers in other towns while they themselves are starved. It would have been quite possible for the promoters to have said that shorter seasons would be given in those centres where sufficient support is forthcoming, or that less expensive operas, those which do not require a large orchestra, elaborate scenery, or a big cast, would be provided. But simply to be left out in the cold kills any interest which might have been roused in those particular towns.

A second point is in the attitude of the British public towards

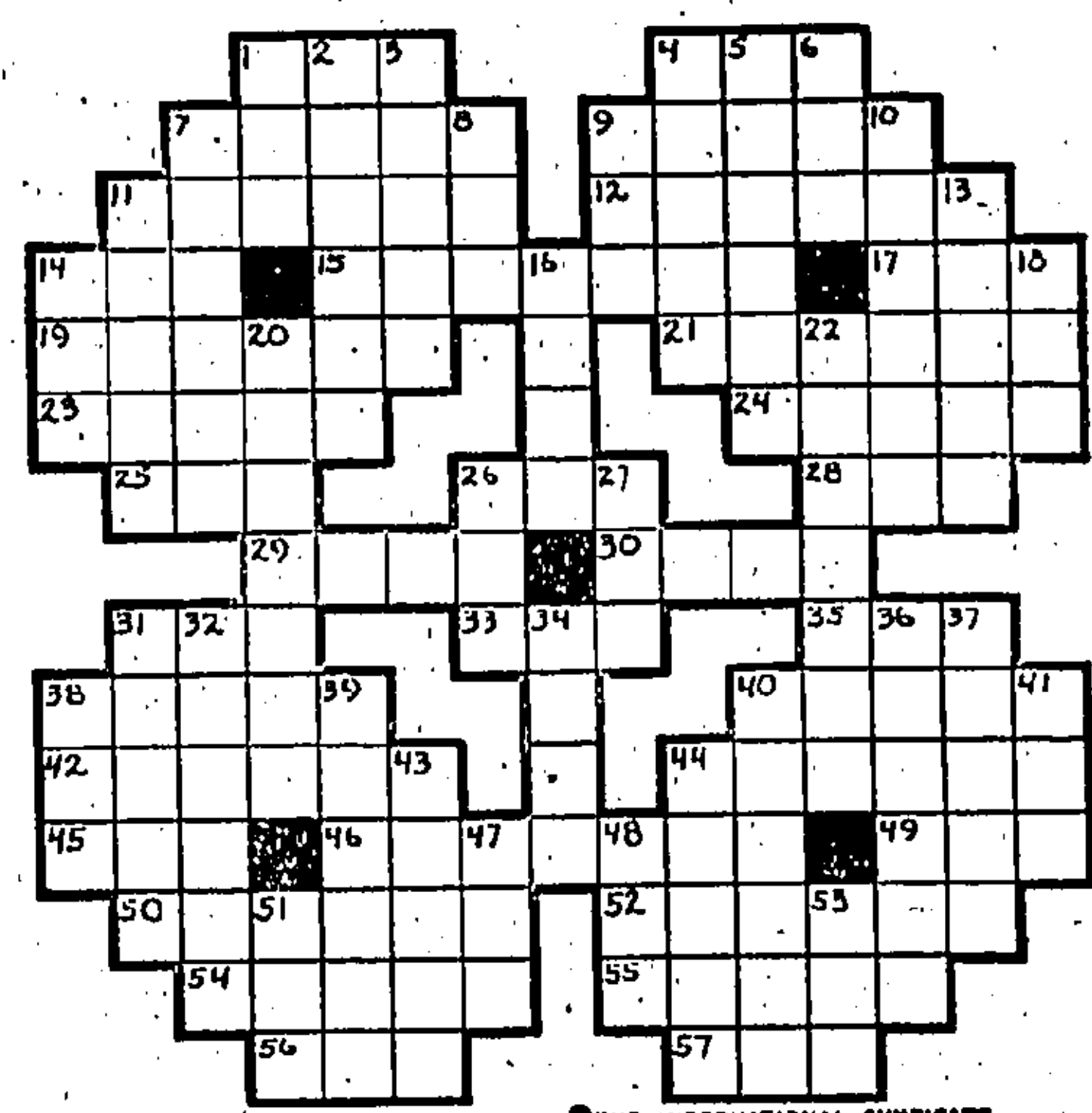
a sign of an over-powerful imagination," he said, "to conceive of this great gigantic black man striding the world with a banjo in one hand and a saxophone in the other, disintegrating the British Empire." The restlessness of the post-war generation which thought of progress as speed, and a fast life as necessarily a full life, would have had to invent jazz if jazz had not been there.

Mr. Reginald Batten, the leader of the Savoy Havana Band, in a letter which was read in support of jazz, wrote that many people who were continually damning dance-music had never heard any of the best dance bands, many of which had "arrived" because their renderings of popular numbers were musically clever and pleasing. Modern dances were designed to allow for the utmost originality. The individual dancer had ceased to be an automaton, and that he thought was the secret of the enormous success of dancing at the present time.

Sir Henry Coward, replying to the discussion, admitted that jazz had good points. The orchestration, he said, was very good, but there had been some very good orchestration without jazz.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Conjunction
- 4-Railroad Post Office (abbr.)
- 7-A mollusk with a spiral shell
- 9-Listens
- 11-Place for storing food
- 12-Small islands
- 14-A head covering
- 15-Implement
- 17-Preacher's title (abbr.)
- 19-An enclosure for live birds
- 21-A religious celebration in honor of a saint
- 23-To wait on
- 24-To cook in the oven
- 25-A large body of water
- 26-A precious jewel
- 28-Boy's nickname
- 29-Fury
- 30-Heroic poem (abbr.)
- 31-Day of the week (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 33-A measure of weight
- 35-Poacevise pronoun
- 36-A piece of land
- 40-Breaks suddenly
- 42-Alludes
- 44-Waggle
- 46-Still
- 48-Not cut
- 49-An alcoholic drink
- 50-Dislike
- 52-Feel sorry
- 54-Hazardous
- 55-Made into a bale
- 56-Consumed
- 57-A barrel

VERTICAL

- 1-Girl's name
- 2-The universe
- 3-Unclean
- 4-A substance exuded from plants
- 5-Paleness
- 6-Metal in its original state
- 7-Sarcasm
- 8-An alkali
- 9-Poacevise pronoun (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 10-A long narrow stripe
- 11-Puts a pavement on
- 12-Bodily feeling
- 14-Poacevise
- 15-Part of the face
- 18-A large tub
- 20-Greed
- 22-Speaking
- 23-Precurse
- 27-Male persons
- 31-More independent
- 32-A beam supporting a roof
- 34-Examination of pain
- 35-Labored
- 37-To d'v'de lengthily
- 38-Indecor
- 39-Meat genuine
- 40-Ons only
- 41-A lawbreaker (abbr.)
- 43-Replica
- 44-To inflict vengeance
- 47-Cunning
- 48-The eye
- 51-52 way of
- 53-Regular (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

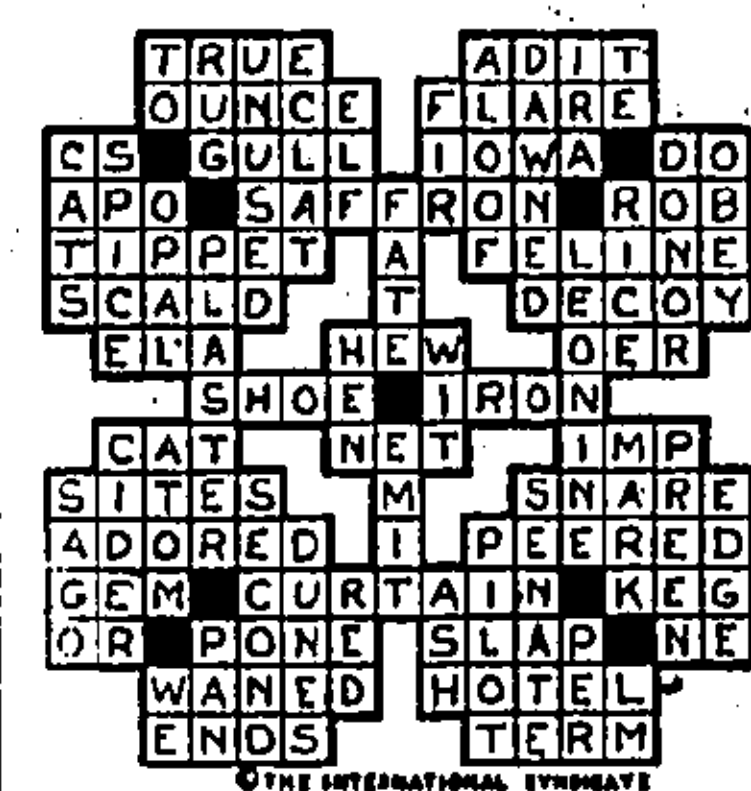
music. Sir Dan Godfrey wittily said that the British people were very fond of music, they would listen to any amount, they would go any distance to hear it, they would do anything for it, except pay for it! Most provincial societies suffer severely financially because people are not willing to subscribe in advance. They prefer to pay at the door. A stormy night, a rival function, a political meeting or an election, a whist drive or dance, is sufficient to turn the scales, and the poor struggling concert society loses the casual amounts which stand between plenty and penury. It may be argued that the Beecham scheme is a very different thing, but it is insufficient to change the course of human nature. I am not going to prophesy, but it will be a surprising thing to me if the desired 150,000 come forward.

The third factor is to be found in the personality of Beecham. That is an amazing genius in conducting no one will deny. But successful opera needs more than this. It needs careful, painstaking organisation, endless and minute rehearsing, detailed thoroughness in every department.

Sir Thomas has not only shown that he does not possess these qualities of permanence, but they are in every way antipathetic to him.

It is my earnest wish that the scheme should succeed. While I do not think that opera is the highest form of art, I do recognise

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



that it has its place in the national life, and that we are considerably the poorer for its absence. But a scheme which depends upon the personality of one man has no foundations of permanence, and were it to fail prospects of a regular spell of good opera would be postponed indefinitely. On Sir Thomas's head rests a greater responsibility than he realises at present.

Since the above was written there is a press interview with Beecham. He finds that the rosy prospects of the first few days have faded somewhat. The pessimism of his remarks may be a diplomatic move in the game. I hope that it is, but it seems rather to indicate that the flaws in the scheme are apparent to many would-be subscribers.

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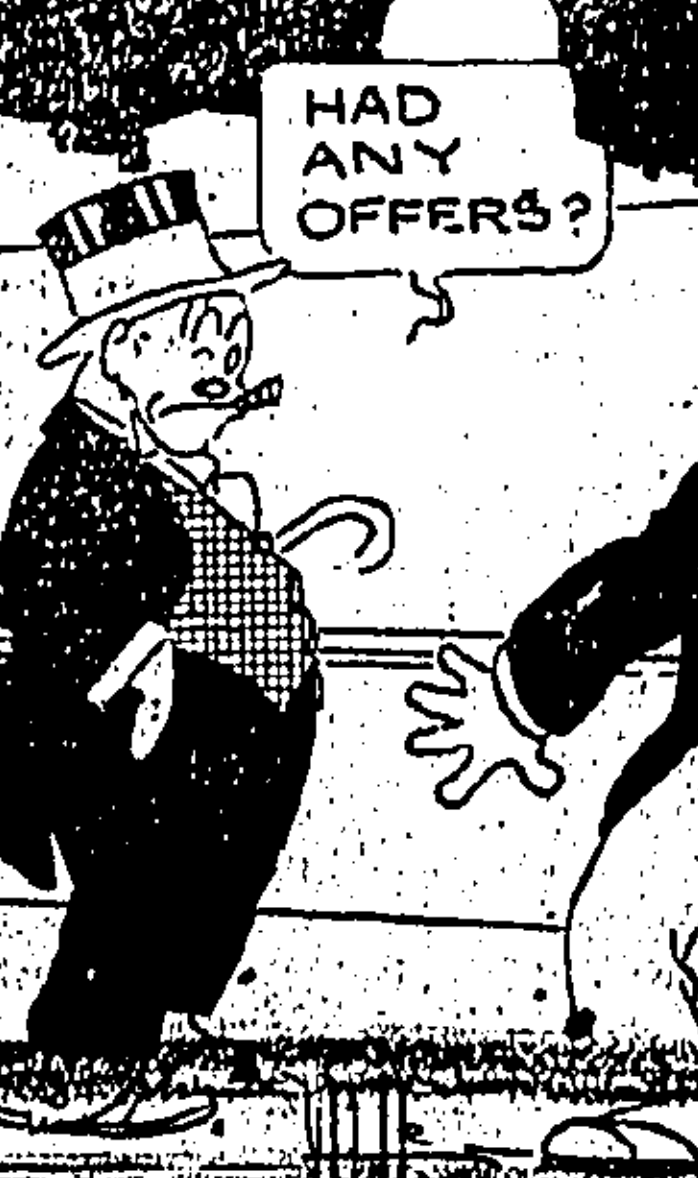
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CORPS ORDERS ISSUED FOR THE WEEK.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

Orders issued to-day, for the week, by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant, for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, read as follow:—

Thursday, March 15, 1928:—The General Officer Commanding, South China Command, will inspect the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps on Thursday, March 15, 1928, on Murray Parade ground at 6 p.m. Every member of the Corps (Reserve Company included) is required to attend.

Further details will be issued later. Members are reminded that attendance at the above inspection is one of the qualifications for efficiency.

Practice Parades at Corps Headquarters.

Thursday, March 8, 6 p.m.: Drill order mufli.
Monday, March 12, 6 p.m.: Drill order uniform.

Musketry Cup.

The following results of the Annual Musketry Competition for the Musketry Challenge Cup presented by the Commandant for season 1927, is published for information:—

Units.	Order In Competition.	Average Part II.
Infantry Co.	1st	68.66
Reserve Co.	2nd	71.44
Engineer Co.	3rd	78.00
Scottish Co.	4th	67.61
Armoured Car Co. 5th		64.20
Mounted Infantry Co.	6th	58.00
The Battery	7th	58.33
Portuguese Co.	8th	51.05
Signals	9th	58.67

Corps average in Part II. 63.33. The Commandant offers his congratulations to Capt. S. J. Jordain, M.C., and to his Company for winning the Cup.

Musketry.

Sunday, March 4, 1928.

The M.I. and A.C. Companies will fire Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 4, 1928.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. A. C. Groves.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufli optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 3, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Battery.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, for Corps rehearsal parade for G.O.C.'s inspection.

Engineer Company.

Musketry Part I. Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 11, 1928.

Range Officer: Lieut. R. S. Logan.

Lights Section.

There will be a D.E.L. Run at Belcher's Fort on Tuesday, March 6, 1928, from 6 to 10.30 p.m. Dress: Uniform without arms. Slacks will be worn.

All ranks are requested to attend.

Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, for the practice for the annual inspection. Dress: Drill order mufli.

M.I. and A.C. Companies.

Musketry Part I. Table "T".

Particulars see order No. 3.

Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin will present a spoon for the highest score in the case of a tie highest score at longest range to count.

Armoured Car Company.

Machine Gunners will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, for M.G. instruction.

Car Section: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, March 5. Dress: Mufli, belts, sidearms and rifle.

Motor Cycle Section: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, under Lieut. J. E. Hancock.

Thursday, March 8, 1928. All ranks of the Company will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice parade for Annual Inspection. Dress: Drill order mufli.

Infantry Company.

No. 1 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6 and Friday, March 9. Machine Gun Instruction.

Dress: Mufli.

No. 2 Platoon: There will be no parade on Tuesday, March 6. All ranks must parade on Thursday, March 8, for the practice for the Annual Inspection. Dress: Drill order, mufli.

Scottish Company.

Thursday, March 8, at 6 p.m. All Platoons will parade at Corps Headquarters for practice parade for Annual Inspection. Dress: Mufli, rifle, bayonet, belt and frog.

Monday, March 12, 6 p.m.: All Platoons will parade at Corps Headquarters for practice parade for Annual Inspection. Dress: Review order, i.e. Glengarry, khaki tunic, kilt, sporran, diced hose, flashes, spats, rifle, bayonet, belt and frog. Medals will be worn.

Thursday, March 15: Annual Inspection.

Sunday, March 18: Triangular Shoot arranged by Mr. R. M. Dyer between 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, 2nd Battalion K.O.S.B., and Scottish Company at Stonecutters.

Sunday, April 1: Inter-Platoon Shoot for "Dyer" Cup.

Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, March 2, for musketry and drill.

Recruits. Miniature Range.

Dress: Mufli, belt, braces, frog, pouches, sling rifle and bayonet. N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

Reserve Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, for practice parade for Annual Inspection.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps on leaving the Colony:—

No. 374 C.Q.M.S. A. E. Kev. A.C. Co., from March 1, 1928, to February 28, 1929.

No. 1102 Pte. E. M. Bryden, No. 7 Platoon, from February 25 to March 16, 1928.

No. 454 Pte. V. H. C. Jarratt, Reserve Co., from March 10 to November 9, 1928.

No. 1280 Bandsman P. F. Rosario, Band, from February 25 to March 31, 1928.

No. 1039 Pte. S. M. Garrard, No. 1 Platoon, from February 25, 1928, to February 24, 1929.

No. 619 Gr. J. Harrop, The Battery, from March 1 to November 30, 1928.

No. 1212 Band Sergt. R. A. Pereira, from March 1 to 31, 1928.

No. 542 Pte. W. F. Simmons, Reserve Co., from March 1 to November 30, 1928.

No. 556 Pte. J. R. Collis, No. 1 Platoon, from March 31, 1928, to February 28, 1929.

No. 1171 Pte. W. D. Russell, M.I. Co., from March 3 to 16, 1928.

Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps on leaving the Colony:—

No. 307 Pte. R. J. Dixon, Reserve Co., as from February 21, 1928.

No. 589 Pte. W. M. Johnston, Reserve Co., as from February 27, 1928.

No. 745 Gr. E. G. Belas, The Battery, as from February 29, 1928.

R. A. Wolfe Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. Hong Kong, March 2, 1928.

NOTICES.

The following have been received at Headquarters:—

The General Rules and Conditions for the Garrison Rifle Meeting to be held on April 17 and 18, 1928.

General rules for M.G. match, General rules for the Lewis Gun match, in connection with the above Rifle Meeting.

All interested please report to the Adjutant for full details.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club. The second shoot for the Cup given by Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell will take place at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, March 4, at the Peak Range. Members must bring their belt and pouches.

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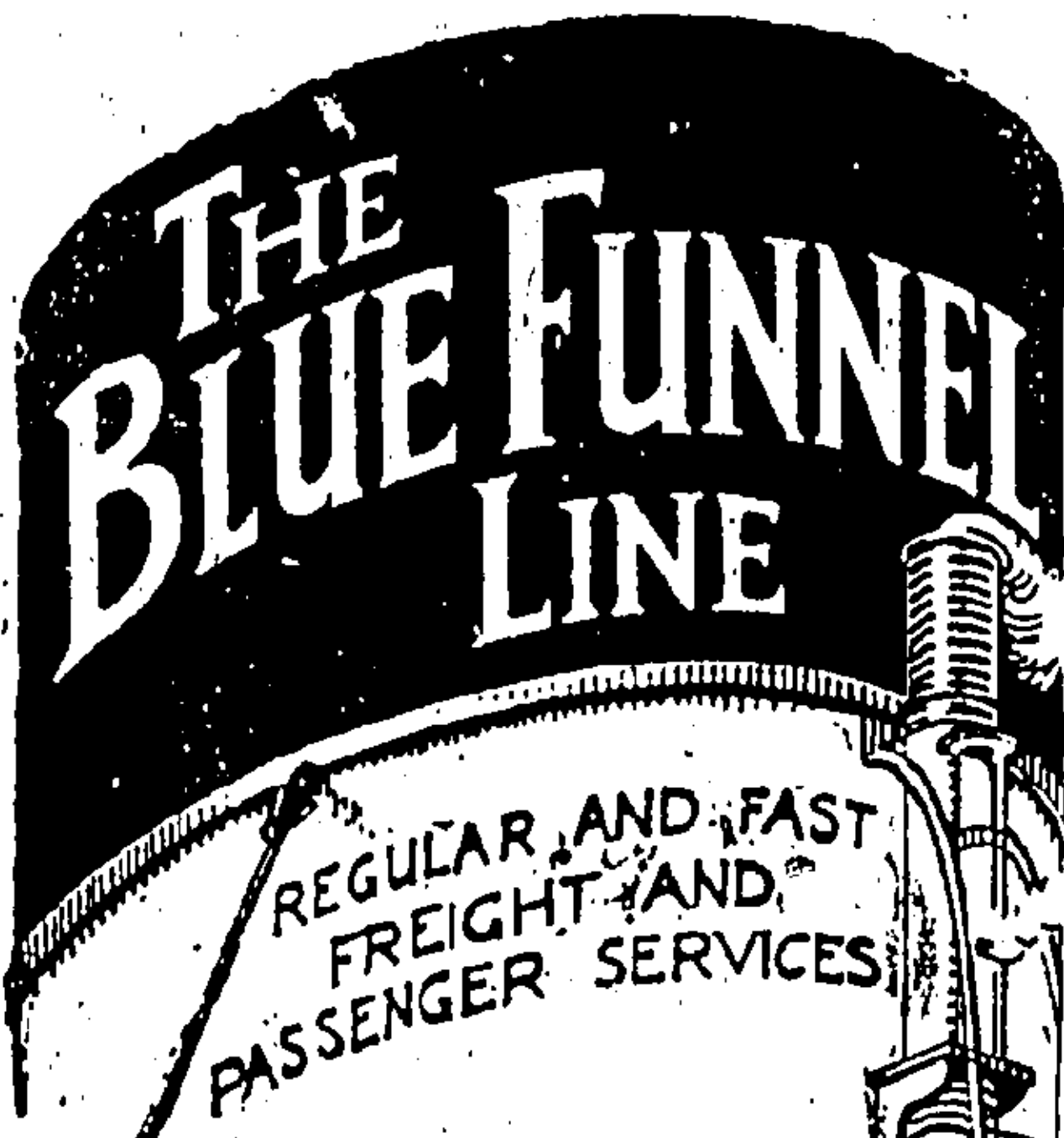
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For	Per
Formosa	FRIDAY, MARCH 2.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Taiyoku Maru 3.30 p.m.
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MONDAY, MARCH 5.	
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Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Manila	President Jefferson 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Soochow 4.30 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 6.	
Formosa, *Shanghai, *Japan, Honolulu and *San Francisco—due San Francisco, 30th March	Siberia Maru 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 6th April. K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Glaucus 2 p.m.
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WORLD'S RUBBER.

M.P.'s Suggestion To Government.

SIR AUSTEN'S REPLY.

No Negotiations While Research Continues.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, Mr. A. E. Townend (Labour, Stockport) asked the Government to invite the Governments of Holland and the United States to co-operate in a scheme for adjusting the production of rubber to the world demand at prices to be agreed upon by producers and consumers. Sir Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) replied that pending the report of the Research Committee the Government did not propose to institute such negotiations.—Reuter.

A CEYLON VIEW.

Notice of Motion in Council Given.

Colombo, Yesterday. A member of the legislature, Mr. Obeyesere, has given notice of a motion in Council recommending to the Government the urgent desirability of acceding to the general desire in evidence in the country for the removal of the present restriction on the exportation of rubber.—Reuter.

DUTCH GROWERS.

Decisions And Proposals At Meeting.

The Hague, Yesterday. A communique issued at the conclusion of the meeting of Dutch rubber-growers states that a large majority favoured mutual co-operation. It is felt that there is no need to appeal to the Governments of Holland and the Dutch Indies.

The meeting appointed a committee of seven having the interests of Dutch growers at heart which, in case of necessity, would initiate negotiations with foreign growers and consumers.

Mr. Knappert of The Hague was appointed secretary.—Reuter.

Co-operate With British?

Amsterdam, Yesterday. Practically all the producers, including the large companies, were represented at the Dutch rubber-growers' meeting.

It appears that some advocated the formation of a rubber selling centre, others the introduction of a sort of valorisation scheme. Another group favoured co-operation with British producers in order to devise means for effective restriction.

All proposals were lengthily debated.—Reuter.

PEACE AND WAR.

FLYING-BOAT'S ROLE IN THE EMPIRE.

FOUR REACH SINGAPORE.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary of State for the Air Ministry has sent the following telegram to Group Captain Cave Browne Cave, the officer commanding the four Supermarine Southampton flying boats which have just reached Singapore on their cruise to the Far East:—"I warmly congratulate you and all under your command on the highly successful completion of the first 11,000 mile-stage of your flight. Punctuality with which you have adhered to your time-table reflects the greatest credit on all concerned and demonstrates convincingly the important role which the flying-boat can fulfil in the Empire both for defence purposes in time of war and in developing air communications in time of peace."—British Wireless Service.

"FRANCS SCANDAL."

MR. GREGORY RETURNS THANKS.

London, Yesterday. The following appears in the social column of the newspapers to-day:

"Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gregory wish to express their gratitude to friends and late colleagues for innumerable letters and tokens of sympathy and support, which they will answer as soon as possible."—Reuter.

HAIG'S MEMORY.

National Appeal For £500,000.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S HOMES.

Widows And Orphans Also To Be Provided For.

London, Yesterday. A national appeal has been published, signed by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Lloyd George, Earl Jellicoe, the Chiefs of Staff of the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force, for £500,000 to provide and endow homes for ex-service men and their widows and orphans in memory of the late Earl Haig. Funds will be controlled by national trustees of whom the Prince of Wales, the Prime Minister, the leaders of the Labour and Liberal Parties will each nominate one.—Reuter.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM ISSUED.

RESERVE INCREASES.

London, Yesterday. Sir L. Worthington-Evans, War Secretary, in a Memorandum on the Army Estimates, says that the principal changes in organisation proposed for 1928 include the extension and modernisation of cavalry begun in 1927 to regiments in Egypt and India, the reorganisation of the Foot guards and Infantry Battalions to comprise three instead of four Rifle Companies with an addition of a Machine Gun Company instead of a Machine Gun Platoon, also that an Anti-Tank Section be included in the headquarter wing of each battalion.

The reorganisation of the Tank Corps Battalions to comprise three companies of each consisting of three sections of five tanks instead of four sections of four tanks. Nevertheless the number of tanks in each battalion will remain at 52.

Army Reserve.

The Army Reserve of 95,000 shows an increase of about 3,000. It is anticipated that there will be an increase of 13,000 in the coming year in the Supplementary Reserve of approximately 15,800; territorials 6,824 officers and 132,323 of other ranks, an increase of 64 and a decrease of 7,439, respectively, regarding which the War Secretary points out that the substitution of the proficiency grant for a training bounty has led to a falling off in recruiting this Spring, "but that later figures show an improvement."

No Army Manoeuvres This Year.

There will be no Army Manoeuvres in 1928 but regulars will carry out divisional training. He announces the continuance of the programme for the accommodation of troops in Egypt and the progress to be made in military defence works required in connection with the Singapore Base.

As regards research, he says there has been considerable advance in the provision of armoured fighting vehicles and that increasing numbers of six-wheeled lorries have been introduced and that the number of medium and light tanks will be increased in certain cavalry units and will be supplied with armoured cars. All medium artillery will be mechanised and experiments are progressing with the new gun for the Horse Artillery; also with a new field howitzer. "Important modification in the designs of all has been achieved."

Troops' Health In China.

Dealing with the troops' health Sir L. Worthington-Evans is of opinion that the absence of sickness among the troops despatched to China was remarkable "in view of the climatic and other conditions of their service."

The Estimates For 1928. The Army Estimates for 1928 amount to the net sum of £41,050,000 or £515,000 less than in 1927.

No provision is made for extra troops in China for which a Supplementary Estimate is being presented.

The strength of the British Army inclusive of British troops in India is 153,500, a decrease of 13,000 and approximately 2,500

NEW GOVERNOR.

Inauguration Ceremony At Manila.

COL. STIMSON'S ADDRESS.

Filipino Leaders Advised To Cease Campaign.

Manila, Yesterday. Governor-General Stimson was inaugurated to-day in the presence of 20,000 Filipinos at the historic Luneta. He is the 100th Governor-General, the first being Legaspi in 1564.

Col. Stimson's inaugural address was almost entirely concerned with the economic development of the Philippines. He paid a stirring tribute to the late Governor Wood and also cautioned the Filipino leaders to cease the campaign against the military men who have assisted Governors in the past and the present.

Governor Stimson was escorted in Manila Bay by a destroyer squadron and 20 planes.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

ADMIRAL SIR CECIL LAMBERT.

London, March 1.

The death is announced of Admiral Sir Cecil Lambert.—Reuter.

[Admiral Lambert, who was born in 1864, served in Egypt in 1882, was 4th Sea Lord 1913-19; Director of Personnel, Air Ministry 1919-21 and additional member Air Council 1920-21.]

below the establishment, as the result of a falling off in recruiting in 1927.

SHAFORE REDUCTION.

China Strength Accounts For 12,500 Decrease.

London, Yesterday. Important changes in the Army are announced by the Secretary for War in a memorandum accompanying the Army Estimates.

It is shown that the Army is becoming smaller in numbers and machines are to a greater extent than ever taking the place of men and horses.

Sources of Decrease.

A decrease of 12,500 in strength is accounted for by the smaller number of troops employed in China, the withdrawal of coast defence troops from Bermuda and Sierra Leone, reductions in the British Army on the Rhine, re-organisation of troops in Egypt, and economies resulting from the continued revision of establishments at Home and abroad. During 1927 one medium brigade of Royal Artillery has been withdrawn from the Mediterranean to Great Britain and one infantry battalion has been brought home from the Rhine.

The remaining decrease of 500 is due to a reduction in Indian troops employed in the Middle East, from 2,000 to 1,500.

Mechanisation.

In regard to mechanisation the memorandum states that considerable advance has taken place in the provision of armoured fighting vehicles and more especially in those for use with the experimental mechanised force on Salisbury Plain. In addition satisfactory results produced by the use of six-wheeled lorries have led to their introduction in increasing numbers. In view of the lessons learnt during last year, it has been decided to increase the number of medium and light tanks, as funds permit, to supply armoured cars for certain cavalry units, and gradually to provide fighting and other mechanised vehicles required by all units.

Keeping Pace.

Re-design of equipment is keeping pace with progress in mechanisation.

Medium artillery is all to be mechanised and five brigades at home will be equipped on a higher or lower basis. Experiments are also proceeding with artillery of lesser calibres both for close support and for anti-tank work.

Experiments are in progress with a new gun for the Royal Horse Artillery and with a new field howitzer, while minor improvements in other nature of armaments are in train.—British Wireless Service.

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